

Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) Catch Certification

Q1. Do all imports of fish have to be declared under IUU Regs?

A. The Regulation applies to imports of marine caught fishery products. Freshwater and farmed (aquaculture) fish are all out of scope of the Regulation as are marine fish imported for ornamental purposes. There are some additional exclusions including clams and other bivalve molluscs. However, shrimps and prawns as well as squid and cuttlefish all require a catch certificate as does scampi (unless it is freshwater). The exemptions are listed in [Annex 1 of the regulations](#)

Q2. What documents do I have to submit?

A. Original Catch Certificate where the fish is exported from the flag state.

Original Processing Statement ([Annex IV](#)) and copies of Catch Certificates. Original Catch Certificates are required where the whole catch has been processed.

Copies of commercial documents, such as bill of lading, invoice and packing list.

Q3. What checks are carried out?

A. Documentary checks are carried out on all consignments to ensure they are valid and authentic. Where there is a discrepancy your consignment may be subject to identity and physical checks to assess the product the packaging.

If your consignment cannot be validated, it may be rejected at the border and returned to the country of origin.

Q4. Will I be charged?

A. Yes, our fees and charges are based on whether the import is classed as high or low risk and the number of catch certificates in the consignment. The [fees and charges](#) are available on our website.

Please Note: All fees and charges must be made prior to release of your container.

Examples:

1. My fish was caught by a US fishing vessel so has a US catch certificate, but was first processed in China before further processing in the EU, does this make it high or low risk?

A. High Risk – the first two letters on a US Catch Certificate indicate the country to which the product is being first consigned, e.g. CN.1234.123456.21

2. My fish was processed in Vietnam and imported into the EU without any further processing, what documents do you need?

A. We need a copy of the Vietnamese processing statement and copies of catch certificates as well as the endorsed CHED-P on import to the EU. We will also need copies of commercial documents as mentioned earlier.

3. My consignment has 3 high risk Catch Certificates and 2 Low risk Catch certificates, how will I be charged?

A. If one of your certificates is high risk, your consignment then becomes high risk and you will be charged according to our high risk fees.