



ADVANCING SEAFOOD TRACEABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE EU: the importance of robust data collection and management schemes in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing

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EU Commission proposal to improve traceability of fisheries products

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Traceability of fishery products

Why?

1. Food safety

2. Legality of fishery products placed on the market

3. Accurate information to consumers

Traceability - EU Legislation

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Food Law

Fisheries control

**Fisheries control &
CMO Regulation**

Traceability of fisheries products - Fisheries control perspective





Full traceability requires

- **Accurate and complete data**
- **Readily accessibility to data**



COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR A REVISED

EU fisheries
control
system

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Traceability – what does it change?





KEY ELEMENTS in support of Traceability

1. Fisheries Data – availability, reliability, usability

- Reporting and tracking for all vessels
- Full digitization of data

2. Controls in the supply chain- traceability rules

- Clarify the rules on « lots » of fishery products
- Ensure link between fishing trip and fishery products
- Extend scope of rules traceability (include imported products and processed products)
- Full digitization of data, including the EU IT CATCH system

1. Fisheries data



VESSELS < 12 m

- Mandatory tracking, electronic logbook and reporting of catches (but with simplified systems)

VESSELS > 12 m

- No more derogations. All vessels to be tracked and to report electronically

DEROGATIONS 'SMALL QUANTITIES'

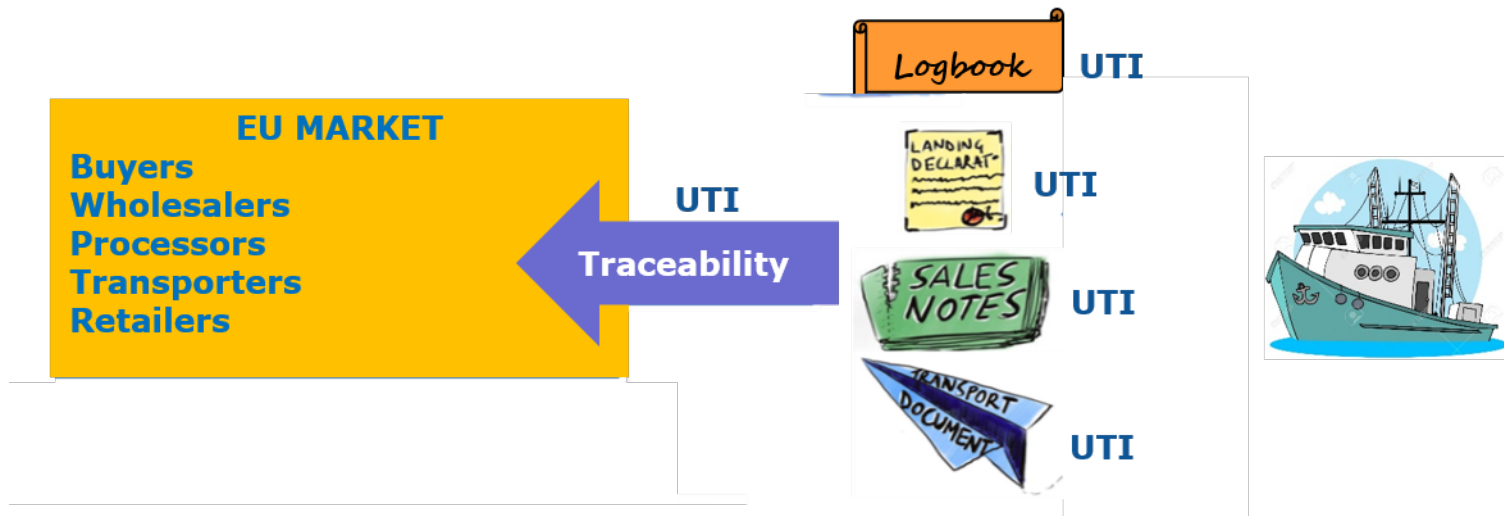
- All catches to be reported (50kg derogation removed)
- Derogation for sales to non-registered buyers reviewed (30 → 5kg)

2. Supply chain controls & traceability



Lots and UTI

- ✓ Clarify the rules concerning **lots** of fishery and aquaculture products => new Article 56a
- ✓ Link of a specific lot of fishery products to a particular landing by an EU fishing vessel => **Unique Trip Identification number**





Extended scope of traceability rules

- ✓ Fresh, frozen, fillets, dry, salted, smoked.. fish, crustaceans and molluscs (as today)

Extension to:

- ✓ Prepared and preserved fish, crustaceans and molluscs

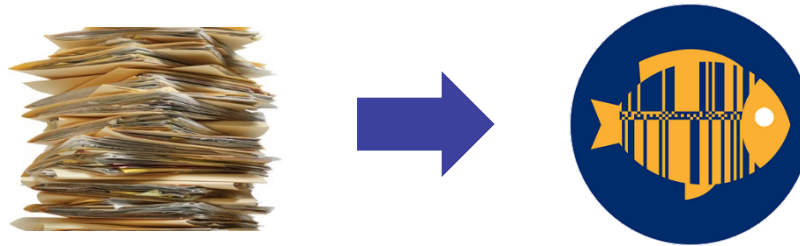


- ✓ Imported products

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From paper-based to electronic solutions



- Information transmitted or made available **electronically**
- Information kept on record in a **digitalised way** and made available to authorities (including EU IT CATCH system)





Recent event

**Workshop on fishery and aquaculture
product traceability under the Control
Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009**

Brussels 9-10 October 2019

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/press/traceability-fisheries-products-know-what-you-buy_en

