



Increasing the traceability and legality of imported seafood by only allowing imports from vessels that provide information on the type of fishing gear used

The EU's system of fisheries control is currently being revised. During the revision process, changes will be made to the form which accompanies imported seafood arriving at EU borders – the catch certificate. To allow for better traceability and an improved ability to detect illegally caught seafood, it is important that the information required on the catch certificate be expanded to contain certain essential information.

Requiring that the type(s) of fishing gear used in the fishing operation is recorded on catch certificates will assist competent authorities in determining if the imported seafood has been caught legally using permitted gear.

This is important because certain types of fishing gear are prohibited in some areas, such as driftnets used to catch tuna and swordfish within the Mediterranean Sea.

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