



# CATCH

**The role and benefits of digital import control schemes – from an EU perspective**

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# From paper to IT

## 2010: Introduction of EU Catch Certification Scheme

Paper-based system

Requests for going digital due to limitations:

- *Potential risks of fraud*
  - *burdensome verifications for Member States' authorities*
- => *often leading to an uneven level of implementation in Member States*

## 2019: launch of **CATCH**

- Includes: catch certificates, processing statements and importer declarations.
- Simplified catch certificates (added later)
- On-going developments



# CATCH – functioning and advantages

## **What does CATCH do?**

- *Basic risk analysis*
  - *EU-wide quantity management in order to avoid overshooting of catch certificate quantities*
- => Avoid fraudulent use of catch certificates*

## **Expected advantages**

- *facilitate controls and verifications at EU borders*
- *facilitate cooperation among competent authorities*
- *avoid abusive use of catch certificates*
- *create level playing field for all operators*
- *reduction of administrative burden for Member States and other stakeholders*



# CATCH – for all and for when?

- *CATCH - developed to be used all through the supply chain to the end market i.e. EU (it does not intervene on the EU internal market itself)*
- *Now available to **EU IUU authorities and EU stakeholders on a voluntary basis***
- *Legal basis for **compulsory use** of CATCH by EU authorities and EU operators and single window integration: adoption foreseen in 2021, entry into force depending on outcome of the ordinary legislative procedure*

<b>USE OF CATCH</b>	<b>Before the entry into force of the legal basis</b>	<b>After the entry into force of the legal basis</b>
EU Member States (authorities)	Voluntary use	<b>Mandatory use</b>
EU importers/ stakeholders	Voluntary use	<b>Mandatory use</b>
Third countries authorities	Voluntary use	Voluntary use
Third countries stakeholders/ exporters	Voluntary use	Voluntary use

The more it will be used by third countries, the less burdensome it will be for all.

The more reliable information will be.



# Global aspects

- **Market State Cooperation**
- **FAO VG on CDS**
- **Interoperability**
- **Key Data Elements**
- **Global Standard Messages (UNCEFACT/FLUX)**



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