# QUESTIONNAIRE to be used for biennial reporting on the application of the IUU Regulation

# Reporting period 2016-2017 (deadline for submission 30 April 2018)

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May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States?			
Yes:			
Yes except for questions (list):			
No:			

Please state your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation in accordance with:

Article 15.2 (exportation of catches): Coast Guard

Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates): Custom - Health

Article 21.3 (re-exportation): Coast Guard

Article 39.4 (nationals): //

#### Section 1. Information on legal framework<sup>1</sup>

Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country adopted/modified national law or any administrative guides for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation)?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail and provide copies or provide link to the official national database

- New internal legislation regarding the sanctioning system reinforcement (Art. 39 Law n. 154/2016) - <u>http://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/id/2016/08/10/16G00169/sg</u>
- New technical measures against IUU (D.M. 28 July 2016) http://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/gu/2016/09/07/209/sg/pdf

Section 2. Information on administrative organisation<sup>2</sup>

2.1. Does your country have different authorities/services to deal with the implementation of the IUU Regulation?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

- 2.2. If different authorities/services are involved, please distinguish between:
  - the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels; Coast Guard
  - validation of catch certificates upon exports; Coast Guard
  - verification of catch certificates for imports under direct landing; Coast Guard
  - verification of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks); **Custom**
  - validation and verifications of re-exports. Coast Guard
  - a) internal co-operation (between local/regional authorities and head-quarter);

Please explain and describe this cooperation: Central Level – MIPAAF-DG PESCA (unique Authority according to art. 5 Control Reg.) and operational coordination performed by Coast Guard General Head-Quarter. Local Level – Coast Guard peripheral Offices.

b) co-operation with other authorities and allocation of tasks for various authorities in the implementation of the IUU Regulation (Fisheries, Health, Customs, Coast Guard, Navy, etc.);

*Please explain and describe this cooperation:* Central Level – DG Custom. Local Level – Custom peripheral Offices.

Central coordination and cooperation with MIPAAF-DG PESCA and Coast Guard General Head-Quarter.

c) how many officials are involved in the implementation of the catch certification scheme?

Please specify the number of officials expressed in Full Time Equivalent (FTE):

d) Do the authorities of your country have the possibility to audit/verify a company for the purposes laid down in the IUU Regulation?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This section 1 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This section 2 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, which and how many audits/verifications have they undertaken since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015? Please detail the results: .....

2.3. Does your country have freezones/freeports<sup>3</sup> in which activities relevant to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products are authorised?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

Section 3. Information on direct landings and transhipments of fishery products by third country fishing vessels<sup>4</sup> (including information on port inspections and infringements)<sup>5</sup>

3.1. Does your country have designated ports for direct landings or transhipment operations of fishery products and port services of third country fishing vessels (Article 5 of the IUU Regulation<sup>6</sup>)?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please list your country's designated ports (including ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations requirements) and answer to questions 3.2. to 3.7.:

Port	Port UNCODE	Reg. 1005/2008 - GFCM	BFT	SWO-MED
ACCIAROLI	ITAOL		i	i
AGROPOLI	ITAGP		i	i
ALASSIO	ITALS		i	i
ALGHERO	ITAHO		í	i
ANCONA	ITAOI	i	н́	i
ANDORRA	ITADA		н́	i
ANZIO	ITANZ			i
ARBATAX	ITATX		i	i
ARENZANO	ITAZA		i	i
AUGUSTA	ITAUG		i	i
BAGNARA CALABRA	ITBCB		i	i
BARI	ITBRI		i	i
BISCEGLIE	ITBCE		i	i
BORDIGHERA	ITBGH		i	i
BOSA	ITBOS		i	i
BRINDISI	ITBDS	i	i	i
CAGLIARI	ITCAG		i	i
CALA GONONE	ITNNE		i	i
CALASETTA	ITCLS		i	i
CAMOGLI	ITGLJ		i	i
CAPRAIA ISOLA	ITCPA			i
CARIATI	ITCRT			i
CARLOFORTE	ITCLF		i	i

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones\_en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fishing vessels as defined in article 2.5 of the IUU Regulation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This section 3 refers to Chapter II (Articles 4 to 11) of the IUU Regulation and is applicable to coastal Member States. Landlocked Member States should not fill in this section.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Please note that ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations must also be designated under the IUU Regulation with restrictions if necessary (species etc.)

	ITCTR		i	i
DEL GOLFO				
CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA	ITCAS		Ĺ	Ĺ
CASTELSARDO	ІТСТК		i	i
CASTIGLIONE DELLA PESCAIA	ITCEQ		i	Ĺ
CATANIA	ΙΤϹΤΑ		i	i
CESENATICO	ITCNT		i	i
CETRARO	ITCCQ		i	i
	i i		i	i
CHIOGGIA	ITCHI			i
CIRO' MARINA	ITMRM			
CIVITANOVA MARCHE	ITIOA		i	i
CIVITAVECCHIA	ITCVV	i	i	i
CORIGLIANO	11000			
CALABRO	ITCGC		i	i
CROTONE	ITCRV		i	í
FANO	ITFAO		i	i
FAVIGNANA	ITFAV		í	í
FINALE LIGURE	ITFNL		i	í
FORMIA	ITFOM			i
FIUMICINO	ITFCO	i		
GAETA	ITGAE		i	í
GALLIPOLI	ITGAL		i	í
GELA	ITGEA		í	í
GENOVA	ITGOA	í	i	i
GIOIA TAURO	ITGIT	i	i	i
GIULIANOVA	ITGUI		i	i
GOLFO ARANCI	ITGAI		i	i
GRADO	ITGRD		i	i
IMPERIA	ITIMP		i	í
ISOLA DELLE				
FEMMINE	ITIDF			Ĺ
LA CALETTA DI SINISCOLA	ITSIA		i	i
LA MADDALENA	ITMDA		i	i
LA SPEZIA	ITSPE	í	í	í
LAMPEDUSA	ITLMP		i	i
LE CASTELLA				i
LICATA	ITLIC		i	i
LIPARI	ITLIP		i	i
LIVORNO	ITILIV	í	í	i
LOANO	ITLOA		i	i
MANFREDONIA	ITMFR		i	i
MARCIANA MARINA	ITMAM			i
MARETTIMO	ІТММО		1	i
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CAMEROTA				
MARINA DI CAMPO	ITMRP			i
MARINA DI RAGUSA			<u> </u>	i
MARSALA	ITMRA		i	i
MAZARA DEL VALLO	ITMAZ		<u> </u>	i
MESSINA	ITMSN		i	i
MILAZZO	ITMLZ		i	i
MOLA DI BARI	ITODB		i	i

MOLFETTA	ITMOL		Ĺ	i
MONDELLO	ITMND			i
MONOPOLI	ITMNP		i	i
MONTEROSSO	ITRSM		i	i
NAPOLI	ITNAP	Ĺ	i	i
OLBIA	ITOLB	i	i	i
ORISTANO	ITQOS		i	i
ORTONA	ITOTN		i	i
PALERMO	ITPMO	i	i	i
PANTELLERIA	ITPNL		i	i
PESARO	ITPES		Ĺ	i
PESCARA	ITPSR		i	i
PILA DI PORTO			Ĺ	i
TOLLE				L
PONZA	ITPNZ		i	i
PORTICELLO	ITORL		i	i
PORTO CESAREO	ITPO5		i	i
PORTO DI MARATEA	ITMAR			i
PORTO EMPEDOCLE	ITPEM		i	i
PORTO GARIBALDI	ITPGA		i	i
PORTO S. GIORGIO	ITSIG		i	i
PORTO SANTO	11510			
STEFANO	ITPSS		í	i
PORTO TORRES	ITPTO		i	i
PORTOFERRAIO	ITPFE		í	i
PORTOFINO	ITPTF		i	i
PORTOPALO DI				
CAPO PASSERO	ITPPF		Ĺ	Ĺ
PORTOSCUSO	ITPVE		i	i
POZZALLO	ITPZL			i
POZZUOLI	ITPOZ		Ĺ	i
PROCIDA	ITPRO		i	i
RAVENNA	ITRAN	i	i	i
REGGIO CALABRIA	ITREG	i	i	i
RIMINI	ITRMI		i	i
RIO MARINA	ITRMA			i
RIPOSTO	ITRPT		i	i
ROCCELLA JONICA	ITROC			i
S. BENEDETTO DEL				
TRONTO	ITSDB		Ĺ	ī
S. VITO LO CAPO	ITSVC		i	i
SALERNO	ITSAL	i	i	i
SAN FELICE CIRCEO	ITSFE			i
SANREMO	ITSRE		i	i
SANT' AGATA DI	ITSAC		í	i
MILITELLO	ITSAG			
SANT' ANTIOCO	ITNTA		Ĺ	i
SANTA				
MARGHERITA	ITSML		Ĺ	i
SANTA MARIA LA			i	i
	ITSMJ			
SCALA	ITSMJ			
	ITSMJ ITSTE		Ĺ	Ĺ
SCALA SANTA TERESA DI				i

	ITCON		i	í
SCHIAVONEA	ITSCW			
SCIACCA	ITSCK		i	i
SCILLA	ITSLL			i
SCOGLITTI				i
SESTRI LEVANTE	ITNTE		i	i
SIRACUSA	ITSIR			i
SOVERATO	ITSOO			i
TARANTO	ITTAR	i	i	i
TERMINI IMERESE	ITTRI		i	Ĺ
TERMOLI	ITTMI		i	Ĺ
TERRACINA	ITTRC		Ĺ	Ĺ
TERRASINI	ITSNR			Ĺ
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ANNUNZIATA	ΙΤΤΟΑ			
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TRIESTE	ITTRS	i		i
TROPEA	ITTRO			Ĺ
VASTO	ITVSO		Ĺ	Ĺ
VENEZIA	ITVCE	i		
VIAREGGIO	ITVIA		i	i
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MARINA	ITVVA		Ĺ	i
VIESTE	ITVIE		i	i
VILLASIMIUS	ITVSU		i	i

3.2. How many landings and transhipments in designated ports of third country vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017? How many inspections has your country carried out and how many infringements have been detected?

*Please fill-in the table below (2016):* 

	Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2016)							
Type of		Vessels Figures (2016)		Flag o	f the thire	l country	vessel(s)	*
operation	Vessels		Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
	Non-EU	Number of landings	100					0
sgn	vessels using	Number of inspections	10					
Landings	MS designat	% of inspections / landings	10%					
	ed ports	Number of infringements	3					
nts	Non-EU	Number of transhipments in ports	2					0
Transhipments	vessels using MS	Number of inspections	0					
[]rans]	designat ed ports	% of inspections / transhipments	0					
_	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Number of infringements	0					

\*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

*Please fill-in the table below (2017):* 

	Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2017)							
Type of	Vessels	Figures (2017)		Flag o	f the thire	d country	vessel(s)	*
operation				FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
		Number of landings						0
ings	Non-EU vessels	Number of inspections						
Landings	using MS designated	% of inspections / landings						
	ports	Number of infringements						
nts	Non-EU	Number of transhipments in ports						0
Transhipments	vessels	Number of inspections						
[rans]		% of inspections / transhipments						
		Number of infringements						

\*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

3.3. From the figures above, in the cases where your country detected infringements by third country vessels between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2017, please specify the flag, the vessel's name, the type of infringement and the measures taken (Article 11 of the IUU Regulation).

*Please fill-in the table below (2016):* 

Flag of the third country vessel*	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken

\*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

*Please fill-in the table below (2017):* 

Flag of the third country vessel*	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken

\*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

3.4. Has your country had any problems with third country fishing vessels when implementing Articles 6 (prior notice) and 7 (authorisation) of the IUU Regulation?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

If yes, please detail the nature of the problems:

In 2016: .....

In 2017: .....

3.5. Since January 2016, has your country denied access to its ports to a fishing vessel for port services, activities of landing or transhipment of fishery products based on the conditions of the IUU Regulation?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

If yes, please detail the nature of the problem, the number of vessels concerned and their flags:

In 2016: .....

In 2017: .....

3.6. Do you have third country fishing vessel landings in transit in your country with final destination in another Member State? [Article 19.3 of the IUU Regulation]

 $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

If yes, please indicate the number of landings in transit per year:

In 2016: .....

In 2017: .....

3.7. In order to determine the cases for port inspection, does your country use risk assessment criteria [cf. benchmarks for port inspections, Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No1010/2009]?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

□ Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of landings/transhipments from third countries)

For request of Landings and Transhipments Italy adopt 100% inspection rate.

If yes, please detail:....

# Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for <u>importation</u> for the purpose of the IUU Regulation<sup>7</sup>

4.1. How many <u>catch certificates</u> from non-EU countries were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

Flag State (non-EU)	2016	2017
Morocco	6729	5287
Senegal	4556	4278
The Unites States of America	4447	4217
Thailand	4227	4353
Tunisia	3981	5354
India	2583	2321
Indonesia	2392	1350
China	2108	1631
The Maldives	2060	1512
South Africa	1765	1604
Argentina	1316	1266
Sri Lanka	1275	3083
Vietnam	1082	1037
Other countries	13718	11347
Total	52239	48640

The number of catch certificates relates to the import declarations in which there is the code 673 in the box 44 of SAD.

4.2. From the number above, how many recognised <u>RFMO catch certificates</u> accompanied imports into your country? *Please detail per RFMO certificate and year*.

RFMO document	2016	2017
ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document	0	0
Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)		
CCSBT CDS		
Total		

4.3. Has your country received processing statements from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States. Article 2.11 of the IUU Regulation – "*importation means the introduction of fishery products into the territory of the* Union, *including for transhipment purposes at ports in its territory*"

If yes, how many <u>processing statements</u> under Article 14.2 accompanied imports into your country? If possible, please provide details per year and per processing country. Please only report processing statements received from non-EU countries: *Not available* 

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
PS 1		
PS 2		
PS x		
Total		

4.4. Please indicate if the information in <u>processing statements</u> referring to the corresponding catch certificates is retained and recorded:

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

 $\Box$  Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of processing statements received from non-EU countries in 2016-2017)

4.5. Has your country received requests to authorise APEO<sup>8</sup>s in 2016-2017?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

If yes, how many requests has your country received and how many APEOs have been authorised?

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4.6. Has your country adopted administrative rules referring to the management and control of APEO in 2016-2017?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

Not applicable (e.g. absence of APEO request)

If yes, please detail:

.....

4.7. Has your country validated <u>re-export certificates</u> for products imported from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, how many re-export certificates? Please detail per year and, if possible, per destination country:

Destination country (non-	2016	2017
EU)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

Destination country (non- EU)	2016	2017
Third Country 1		
Third Country 2		
Third Country x		
Total		

4.8. Does your country monitor if the catches for which your country has validated a <u>re-export</u> <u>certificate</u> actually leave the EU?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

□ *Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of re-export certificates in 2016-2017)* 

If yes, please detail:

#### Yes, through the MRN (Movement Reference Number), associated with the export operation

4.9. Has your country established any IT tools to monitor the catch certificates and processing statements accompanying imports?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

The check line for the presence of catch certificates and transformation declarations is done through the eligibility check carried out by the Customs Agency. Checks are also carried out "a posteriori", within three years, to review the customs declarations, to verify the correctness and completeness of all the particulars declared on the basis of the documentation submitted.

If yes, does it include a module for re-exportation of imported catches?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

4.10. Does your country implement the provisions regarding transit under Article 19.2 at the point of entry or the place of destination?

 $\Box$  *At the point of entry*  $\Box$  *At the place of destination*  $\Box$  *Not implemented* 

### Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation<sup>9</sup>

5.1. Has your country established a procedure for validation of catch certificates for exportation of catches from own vessels in accordance with Article 15?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

 $\Box$   $\Box$  Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017)

If yes, please explain briefly the established procedure and answer questions 5.2 to 5.5. Italian validators for Exportation Catch Certificate are selected ITCG fisheries inspector (UE-ICCAT) with specific knowledge and training on fisheries Control and Inspection

5.2. Has your country validated catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, how many catch certificates did your country validate from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017? If possible, please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

		Year
Destination State	2016	2017
Switzerland	1917	1179
Albania	1032	854
Moldova	369	332
The Unites States of America	237	198
Tunisia	195	104
Ukraine	122	137
Montenegro	110	149
Australia	122	137
Japan	76	133
Canada	75	48
Other Countries	441	455
Total	4672	3641

The above data refer to the exportation / re-export and not to the number of catch certificates that are possessed by the Coast Guard or by the veterinary services

5.3. Has your country established any IT tool to monitor the catch certificates validated for exports stemming from own vessels?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

The implementation of IT-tool for Exportation Catch Certification scheme (full digital Catch Certificate based on national digital platform) is scheduled on January 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

5.4. Does your country monitor that the catches for which your country has validated catch certificates actually leave the EU?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

Yes, through the MRN (Movement Reference Number), associated with the export operation.

 $\Box$  Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017)

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2017?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

 $\Box$  Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2016-2017)

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year): ..... Reason: ..... Follow-up: ....

Section 6. Information on verifications of catch certificates for importation according to Article 17.1 to 5 of IUU Regulation<sup>10</sup>

6.1. Has your country established a procedure for verification of catch certificates for importation in accordance with Article 17.2?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail:

All customs declarations are checked by the customs IT system. The same customs declarations, when pass the eligibility check (code of catch certificate number -C673- in the box 44 in presence of fishing product), are selected for control on the basis of a complex system of risk analysis called "customs control circuit". The system chooses the type of control between automatized (CA), documental (CD), scanner (CS) or physical verification (VM).

6.2. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017? Please specify, separately for each year:

All catch certificates are verified through the Customs Control Circuit. Our customs system checks the presence of catch certificate number in the box 44 of the customs declaration, then the same customs declarations, once exceeded the eligibility check, based on risk analysis, chooses the type of control between automatized, documental, scanner o physical verification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Flag State of origin (EU or non-EU)	Number of verifications		Number of verifications		
	2016		20	)17	
	No of basic document-based verifications <sup>11</sup>	No of in-depth verifications <sup>12</sup>	No of basic document-based verifications	No of in-depth verifications	
Country 1					
Country 2					
Country x					
Total					

6.3. Does your country use a risk assessment approach for verification of catch certificates in accordance with Article 17?

# $\boxtimes$ Yes $\Box$ No

If yes, please detail (e.g. EU criteria for verifications (Article 31 of Commission Regulation 1010/2009); EFCA risk assessment methodology; national criteria).

Yes, Central Customs Risk assessment and local Risk analysis.

6.4. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail:

Yes, when the customs IT system chooses an intrusive inspection (scanner or physical verification), or in case in doubts in documentary checks, the fishing product can be physically checked.

Number (per year): ..... Method of selection: ..... Follow-up: .....

# Section 7. Verification requests to flag States<sup>13</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See fields CC1 to CC6 (*Preliminary overview checks "helicopter view"*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See fields CC7 to CC32 (*Verify and cross-check information related to the form, flag state, validating authority, fishing vessel, product(s), transhipment operations*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

7.1. Has your country sent requests for verifications under Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation to other countries authorities in 2016-2017?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, how many requests for verifications? *Note: please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017*:

Flag States	No of requests for verifications 2016	Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)-	No of requests for verifications 2017	Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation
South Africa	1	17.6		
Namibia	1	17.6		
Seychelles	1	17.6		
The Maldives	1	17.6		
Total	4		0	

7.2. How many requests for verification were not replied to by the other countries' authorities within the deadline provided in Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation? Does your country in these situations send a reminder to the authorities of the country in question? [Please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017]

2016 ..... 2017 .....

7.3. Was the quality of the answers provided overall sufficient to satisfy the request?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

# Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)<sup>14</sup>

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017? Note: please only consider refusals based on the IUU Regulation, not for other reasons e.g. Food Safety, Customs legislation, etc.

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please provide details in the table below: We refused 8 imports in 2016 and 7 imports in 2017 for health reasons

Reason for refusal of	2016		2017	
importation	Flag State	No.	Flag State	No.
Non-submission of a catch certificate for products to be imported.				
The products intended for importation are not the same as those mentioned in the catch certificate.				
The catch certificate is not validated by the notified public authority of the flag State				
The catch certificate does not indicate all the required information.				
The importer is not in a position to prove that the fishery products comply with the conditions of Article 14.1 or 2.				
A fishing vessel figuring on the catch certificate as vessel of origin of the catches is included in the Union IUU vessel list or in the IUU vessel lists referred to in Article 30.				
The catch certificate has been validated by the authorities of a flag State identified as a non- cooperating State in accordance with Article 31				
Further to the request for verification (Article 18.2)				

8.2. If the answer to 8.1 is yes, what measures were taken by your authorities towards the refused fishery products?

# The refused fishery product were rejected abroad

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

8.3. In case of refusal of importation, did the operators contest the decision of the authorities of your country?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No

If yes, please detail: .....

### Section 9. Information on trade flows<sup>15</sup>

- 9.1. Did your country note a change<sup>16</sup> of imports of fishery products since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015?
  - $\Box$  Yes  $\boxtimes$  No
  - If yes, please detail: .....
- 9.2. Please provide information, deriving from your country's statistical data, concerning change of trade patterns in imports of fishery products into your country:

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#### Section 10. Information on mutual assistance<sup>17</sup>

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission has your country replied to?

Please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017 (if any)

#### 2016: We received 3 mutual assistance messages of the Commission

#### 2017: We received 7 mutual assistance messages of the Commission

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

Please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017 (if any)

2016 //

2017 //

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> For example: new kinds of fishery products, new trade patterns or significant and sudden increase in trade volume for a certain species and/or certain third countries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

# Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries<sup>18</sup>

11.1. Apart from verifications and refusals under Articles 17 and 18, has your country had information exchange with third countries on issues related to the implementation of the IUU Regulation, such as follow-up of cases concerning nationals, consignments, trade flows, operators, private fishing licencing, as well as the investigation of criminal activities and serious infringements (Article 42)?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail (please provide separate data for 2016 and 2017, if any.

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# Section 12. Information on nationals<sup>19</sup>

12.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country implemented or modified existing measures to ensure that your country can take appropriate action with regards to nationals involved in IUU fishing in accordance with Article 39 of the IUU Regulation?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail:

• Suspension of the registration certificate in the fishermen register from 15 days to 3 months

• Suspension of the fishing license from 3 to 6 months (revocation of the fishing license if violations are concerning Thunnus thynnus and Xiphias gladius species)

• Increasing and graduation of the administrative fine

• Doubling of the administrative fine if violations are concerning Thunnus thynnus and Xiphias gladius species

- Allocation of penalty points to the fishing license
- 12.2. What measures has your country taken to encourage nationals to notify any information on interests in third country vessels (Article 40.1)?

Periodical meeting with stakeholders are organized at local level by Italian Coast Guard Authorities to update the fishing cluster regarding new requirements and encourage fishermen to report any possible IUU activities of third country fishing vessels. This is the case of TUN F/Vs involved in illegal BFT catching activities

12.3. Has your country endeavoured to obtain information on arrangements between nationals and third countries allowing reflagging of their vessels in accordance with Article 40.4?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box \Box No$ 

If yes, please detail: .....

12.4. If yes to any of the above, how many cases have your country dealt with and which administrative or penal follow-up was given?

Please provide details: .....

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

12.5. Has your country put in place procedures to ensure that nationals do not sell or export any fishing vessels to operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the Union IUU vessel list (Article 40.2)?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please provide details: .....

12.6. Has your country made use of Article 40.3 and removed public aid under national aid regimes or under Union funds to operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the Union IUU vessel list?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail: The access to EU and National Funds is conditioned to specific requirements settled by EU regulations

# Section 13. Infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)<sup>20</sup>

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail separately for each year the number of serious infringements, nature and sanctions applied:

Flag State of the vessel or	Serious infringements detected in 2016:			Serious infringements detected in 2017:		
nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU)	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
EU - ITA	447*	Main categories: Not compliance of catch registration system – not compliance with fishing gear – fishing in restricted areas – fishing over by catch quota – not compliant transmission of VMS data	Administrativ e fine and criminal prosecution – seizure of fishing gear and fishing products – fishing licence point assignment	622*	Main categories: Not compliance of catch registration system – not compliance with fishing gear – fishing in restricted areas – fishing over by catch quota – not compliant transmission of VMS data	Administrative fine and criminal prosecution – seizure of fishing gear and fishing products – fishing licence point assignment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Flag State of the	Se	rious infringements o	infringements detected in 2016: Serious infringements detected in 2			etected in 2017:
vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU)	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
TUN	1	Fishing within Italian Territorial waters	No sanction applied caused by Patrol vessel SAR operation (false alert made by Tunisian FV)	1	Fishing within Italian Territorial waters	Criminal infringement was issued for this case in Italian court of justice. Seizure of fishing gear (PS) and fishing products.
TUN				1	Fishing BFT during a closed season with purse seine (16-10-2017) – International waters central MED southern sector	ICCAT Inspection Report was sent to EFCA and EC
EGY	3	Fishing within Italian Territorial waters	Administrativ e fine of 4000 eur and seizure of fishing gear and catch on board			
ALB				1	Misreporting of Logbook information (Daily activity, ICCAT number, IMO number) during the 2017 BFT campaign.	The FV was sanctioned with a money fine of 4.060 euro.
DZA				2	Possible not compliance was detected for carrying out fishing operations inside Italian Territorial waters – BFT campaign 2017	Transmitted all the evidence to the EC
Total		451	I		l	

\* the number of serious infringements detected is based on administrative and criminal proceedings eligible for fishing licence point assignment

Detailed information for Third Country

Year	Flag of the third country vessel*	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
2016	EGY	ALHAG HUSSEN AL MOTAWAKEL (arabic external marking)	Egyptian Fishing Vessel trawling within Italian Territorial Waters of Lampedusa without authorization by Italian coastal state	Administrative Sanction of 4.000 eur and gear seizure
2016	EGY	MARTIRE ANIS (arabic external marking)	Egyptian Fishing Vessel trawling within Italian Territorial Waters of Lampedusa without authorization by Italian coastal state	Administrative Sanction of 4.000 eur and gear seizure
2016	EGY	ABOU HASSAN	Egyptian Fishing Vessel trawling within Italian Territorial Waters of Lampedusa without authorization by Italian coastal state	Administrative Sanction of 4.000 eur and gear seizure
2016	TUN	ADEL – MO781	The FV was sighted inside Italian Territorial Water in Fishing Activities with a purse seine. The master was invited by the IT Patrol Vessel to stop the fishing activities. The crew of Tunisian Fishing vessel rejected all catch and settled the net on board and at full speed returned in international waters. The IT PV during the hot pursuit was diverted for SAR operation requested probably by another Tunisian fishing vessel.	No action
2017	ALB	ROZAFA 15	On 06/06/2017 the FV asked admittance to Vibo Valentia Harbour due to Engine Failure. During Inspection was detected a misreporting of information in the Logbook (Daily activity, ICCAT number, IMO number) during the 2017 BFT campaign.	The FV was sanctioned with a money fine of 4.060 euro. The fine was payed on 24/01/2018.

2017	DZA	YOUNES II	Possible not compliance was detected for carrying out fishing operations inside Italian Territorial waters – BFT campaign 2017	Transmitted all the evidence to the EC
2017	DZA	ECHAID MUSTAPHA BENBOULAID	Possible not compliance was detected for carrying out fishing operations inside Italian Territorial waters– BFT campaign 2017	Transmitted all the evidence to the EC
2017	TUN	CHBIL TARAK – TUN000001011	Fishing inside Italian Territorial Waters	A Criminal infringement was issued for this case in Italian court of justice. Seizure of fishing gear (PS) and fishing products.
2017	TUN	HS1062 – HAJ REBIA	Fishing BFT during a closed season with purse seine (16-10-2017) – International waters central MED southern sector	ICCAT Inspection Report was sent to EFCA and EC

13.2. Has your country applied or adapted its levels of administrative sanctions in accordance with Article 44?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail: please refer to point 12.1 for details

13.3. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2017?

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU)	No of sighting reports issued in 2016	No of sighting reports issued in 2017
EU-IT	2195	5324
	The sighting forms are issued by FPV and VMS operators on duty in FMC and VMS operators on duty in the 15 Italian Fisheries control sub- centre during their surveillance	The sighting forms are issued by FPV and VMS operators on duty in FMC and VMS operators on duty in the 15 Italian Fisheries control sub- centre during their surveillance

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU)	No of sighting reports issued in 2016	No of sighting reports issued in 2017
	and control activities	and control activities
TUN	-	27
DZA	-	1
Total	2195	5352

13.4. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015, has your country received any sighting reports for its own vessels from other competent authorities?

 $\boxtimes$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please detail follow-up (in accordance with Article 50 of the IUU Regulation).

In the Central Mediterranean Sea there are several EU mission (EUNAVFORMED – FRONTEX). The FRONTEX operations are based on concept of multipurpose activities deploying naval and aerial means in the multiagency (FRONTEX – EFCA – EMSA) framework mandate. The Italian Fishieries Control Centre is one of the Authorities identified to receive those sighting information

Section 14. General

14.1. In the reporting period 2016/2017, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

The implementation of centralized national data base for Exportation Catch Certificate is one of the main target for 2018. The use of electronic catch certificate also for importation in EU framework would be one of the most important action for the next future

14.2. Which improvements would your country suggest to the Regulation that would make implementation smoother?

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#### Section 15. Any other comments

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