

**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):	Yes, for questionnaire without attached intern procedures.
No:	

<p>Please state your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation in accordance with:</p> <p>Article 15.2 (exportation of catches): Single Liaison Office (Netherlands Food and Consumer Products Safety Authority)</p> <p>Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates): Single Liaison Office (Netherlands Food and Consumer Products Safety Authority)</p> <p>Article 21.3 (re-exportation): Single Liaison Office (Netherlands Food and Consumer Products Safety Authority)</p> <p>Article 39.4 (nationals): Dutch Enterprise Agency (RVO) and Netherlands Food and Consumer Products Safety Authority (NVWA)</p>

Section 1. Information on legal framework¹

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)?

Yes *No*

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

Section 2. Information on administrative organisation²

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

Yes *No*

Organisations/departments:

- NVWA / Border Inspection Post (BIP);
- NVWA / Single Liaisons Office (SLO);
- NVWA / Fishery Monitoring Centre (FMC);
- NVWA / Operations;
- CUSTOMS
- Coastguard (KWC)

2.2. If different authorities/services are involved, please distinguish between:

- *the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels;*
 - Physical Health inspections, including Health documentation checks are carried out by de Border Inspection Post (BIP);
 - Other document checks, Prenotification, CC, transport documentation, Annex IV, Verifications are carried out by the Single Liaisons Office (SLO);
 - Port State Control (PSC) inspections are carried out by FMC;
 - Physical inspections in the harbour are carried out by operations NVWA.
- *validation of catch certificates upon exports;*
The validation of CC are carried out by the SLO.
- *verification of catch certificates for imports under direct landing;*
The basic and in-depth verification is carried out by the SLO.
- *verification of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks);*

¹ This section 1 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

² This section 2 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

Customs carries out document checks (basic verification checks) when third country fish is arriving/imported other than with a fishing vessel. The SLO also in this case carries out the in-depth verification.

- *validation and verifications of re-exports.*
Both validation and basic and in-depth verification are carried out by the SLO.
- a) internal co-operation (between local/regional authorities and head-quarter);
Please explain and describe this cooperation:
- 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.);
Answer to both a and b.

In case of Importation NLD / transit to other EU member state (arriving transport other than with a fishing vessel):

Customs is the first responsible organisation for checking all accompanied document (presence and content, basic verification).

Import NLD:

After the CC's and other documents are checked, goods are released by Customs and the documents (CC, transport document, etc.) are sent to the NVWA, Single Liaison Office (SLO), section IUU located in Echt.

In transit to other Member state:

After the CC's and other documents are checked by Customs if they are present, the documents will be returned. Products are then sent to other Member state accompanied with the documents.

In both cases:

If Customs has doubts/questions about a transport, (documentation, physical aspects or in case of a Mutual Assistance, high risk countries) the BIP and also the single liaisons office is contacted.

Further in-depth verification is then done by the SLO. When the SLO approves they will inform the BIP. Later BIP will inform Customs so goods can be released, denied or sent to another EU member state.

In case of Importation NLD / transit to other EU member state / transit to third country (direct landing / arriving transport is a fishing vessel):

The SLO carries out all documentation checks(basic verification): CC, transport details, prenotification, landing/transshipment obligation. If necessary, the SLO carries out in-depth verifications according the verification procedure.

If products go into transit, documents stay/return at the products.

If products are Imported into NLD, all related documents are sent to the SLO and are archived.

The FMC carries out the PSC procedure.

If both departments approve the fishing vessel gets permission to land and , if requested, to unload.

Health certificates are checked during the Physical Inspections (landings) by the Border Inspection Post (BIP).

All CC's and other IUU related documents are archived at the NVWA, SLO, section IUU located in Echt.

Export and Re-export:

Export (fresh and frozen fish) and Re-export CC / documents are formatted and validated by the Single Liaison Office SLO.

Export CC/ documents concerning shrimps are issued and handled by our digital system e-CertNL.

Operations carries out the physical inspections on CC (together with Health checks /documentation and export certification)

Monitoring:

Monitoring of NLD Fishing vessels/reefers is carried out by the FMC (VMS, AIS and ERS / crosschecks)

In some cases the FMC is being supported by the Coastguard centre (KWC) where employee from the NVWA are detached/stationed (Den Helder).

- 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):

About 10 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?

Yes

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:

None, we are currently working on writing the procedure for this administrative inspection.

- 2.3. Does your country have freezones/freeports³ in which activities relevant to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products are authorised?

Yes

No

³ https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones_en

Section 3. Information on direct landings and transhipments of fishery products by third country fishing vessels⁴ (including information on port inspections and infringements)⁵

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 Regulation⁶)?

Yes

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.:

Vlissingen,
 Scheveningen
 IJmuiden/Velsen
 Harlingen
 Eemshaven

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 operation	Vessels	Figures (2016)	Flag of the third country vessel(s)*					
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	Total
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	188					
		Number of inspections	9					
		% of inspections / landings	5%					
		Number of infringements	0					
Transhipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports	0					
		Number of inspections	0					
		% of inspections / transhipments	0					
		Number of infringements	0					

*Use ISO Alpha-2 country codes

⁴ Fishing vessels as defined in article 2.5 of the IUU Regulation

⁵ 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.

⁶ Please note that ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations must also be designated under the IUU Regulation with restrictions if necessary (species etc.)

Please fill-in the table below (2017):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2017)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2017)	Flag of the third country vessel(s)*					Total
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	373					
		Number of inspections	8					
		% of inspections / landings	2,5%					
		Number of infringements	2					
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports	0					
		Number of inspections	0					
		% of inspections / transshipments	0					
		Number of infringements	0					

*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
FS1			
FS2			

*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
FS1	HOLMFOSS (Norway)	Landing without permission	official report for justice
FS2	CANOPUS (Russian)	Landing without permission	official report for justice

*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?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail the nature of the problems:

In 2016: None

In 2017: After we had implemented the new procedure for direct landings in early 2017, some fishing vessels ran into problems with the set CC deadline, namely 3 working days before arrival at the port of landing.

For the scheduled services from Norway, which have a sailing time of at most 11 hours, we use a different procedure.

For such scheduled services, they must have submitted all legal documents to the SLO / FMC before landing.

In addition, all fishing vessels must wait for a discharge authorization after landing. Sometimes it is given at the same time as permission to enter the port.

Currently we still get a lot of complaints from importers which also declare not to be able to meet the stipulated 3 working days, especially when it comes to fish of Russian origin.

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

Yes *No*

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

In 2016: none

In 2017: Of 30 vessels the entry into the port was temporarily refused because they had not submitted the required documents (CCs) in time. After submitting and checking the documents, the vessels were allowed to enter. These were Norwegian and Russian fishing vessels (reefers).

In two cases an official report has been drawn up for landing in the port without having to submit the required documents (CCs) in time.

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]

Yes *No*

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

In the Netherlands all landings of Fishing vessels go into transit. Later a decision is made by the company what the final destination will be of the products. Therefore all CC's are checked (basic verification) regardless of the final destination. 95% of all landed products goes in transit to another EU member state or a third country.

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]?

Yes *No*

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

Currently we inspect 5% ad random of all our landings, we also are working on a procedure based on a risk assessment.

Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation for the purpose of the IUU Regulation⁷

4.1. How many catch certificates 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
Argentina	72	46
Australia	15	16
Bangladesh	1	-
Brazil	61	13
Canada	381	312
Chile	18	21
China	1138	682
Cuba	-	6
Ecuador	427	592
El Salvador	60	14
Falkland Islands	-	10
Faroe Islands	300	232
Fiji	15	7
Philippines	657	668
Gambia	24	20
Ghana	127	101
Greenland	17	11
Guyana	8	-
Iceland	2425	1819
India	466	413
Indonesia	719	650
Jamaica	3	-
Japan	-	16
Kenya	1	7
Korea	44	39

⁷ 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 transshipment purposes at ports in its territory"

Flag State (non-EU)	2016	2017
Madagascar	11	2
Maldives	657	98
Malaysia	1	-
Morocco	299	250
Mauritania	3	-
Mauritius	63	31
Mexico	13	1
Mozambique	25	-
Myanmar	4	3
Namibia	114	211
New Zealand	31	29
Nicaragua	27	47
Nigeria	109	108
Norway	16	3
Oman	1	2
Panama	7	2
Papua New Guinea	14	34
Peru	63	48
Russia	105	29
Senegal	110	132
Seychelles	52	59
Sri Lanka	653	1582
Suriname	326	396
Taiwan	44	3
Tanzania	2	1
Thailand	343	331
Tristan	3	2
Tunisia	2	6
Turkey	12	14
Uruguay	1	7
USA	941	853
Vietnam	352	484
South Africa	157	131
Total	11540	10594

Flag State (non-EU)	2016	2017
Sub-total (with CC's from Annex IV)	18906	17450

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

RFMO document	2016		2017	
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	Turkey (EU)	9 (68)	Turkey Tunisia Norway (EU)	14 6 3 (118)
<i>ICCAT bigeye tuna (also CC from Annex IV)</i>	Maldives Sri Lanka Korea Ecuador	38 6 4 1	Maldives Sri Lanka Korea	18 11 3
<i>ICCAT swordfish</i>	Sri Lanka Vietnam Panama Korea Maldives Seychelles	16 16 4 1 1 1	Sri Lanka India Vietnam Seychelles	170 17 9 3
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	Chile	4	Falkland Islands Uruguay	5 4
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	0		0	
Total (ex. EU)	101		263	

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

Yes

No

If yes, how many processing statements 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:

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
Canada	-	3 With CC's from: USA 17
China	1166 With CC's from: Argentina 2 Canada 74 Germany 7 Estonia 2 Greenland 41 Iceland 5	1509 With CC's from: Argentina 7 Canada 76 Germany 6 Estonia 2 Greenland 25 Iceland 6

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
	India 1 Korea 23 Morocco 6 The Netherlands 8 New-Zealand 12 Norway 120 Papua New Guinea 1 Portugal 4 Russia 470 Spain 4 USA 639 Vietnam 4	India 1 Korea 15 Morocco 3 The Netherlands 9 New Zealand 32 Norway 45 Portugal 5 Russia 681 Spain 9 USA 869 Vietnam 6
Colombia	7 With CC's from: Spain 7	-
Ecuador	129 With CC's from: Curacao 15 El Salvador 2 Guatemala 6 Panama 151 Spain 39	187 With CC's from: El Salvador 2 Guatemala 1 Nicaragua 23 Panama 205 Spain 24 USA 4
El Salvador	12 With CC's from: Ecuador 3 Nicaragua 5 Panama 7 Spain 20	16 With CC's from: Ecuador 9 Panama 17 Spain 5
Faroe Islands	8 With CC's from: Norway 6 Iceland 3	5 With CC's from: Iceland 3 Greenland 1 Russia 1
Philippines	4 With CC's from: Papua New Guinea 4	13 With CC's from: Papua New Guinea 13
Ghana	61 With CC's from: Belize 161 France 77 Spain 57	35 With CC's from: Belize 58 France 45 Spain 20

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
Iceland	37 With CC's from: Germany 35 Norway 4 UK 3	18 With CC's from: Faroe Islands 6 Germany 2 Norway 2 UK 16
India	2 With CC's from: Oman 2	-
Ivory Coast	-	4 With CC's from: Curacao 5 France 3 Spain 2
Japan	13 With CC's from: USA 13	7 With CC's from: USA 7
Korea	44 With CC's from: Chili 1 Ireland 4 Norway 2 Taiwan 5 UK 7 USA 13 Vietnam 12	39 With CC's from: Liberia 1 Norway 1 Peru 1 Taiwan 3 UK 5 USA 19 Vietnam 8
Madagascar	-	46 With CC's from: Philippines 1 Seychelles 32 Spain 42
Malaysia	1 With CC's from: India 1	2 With CC's from: Vietnam 2
Mauritius	223 With CC's from: Spain 1389 Seychelles 782 France 173	217 With CC's from: Spain 740 Seychelles 617 France 283

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
	Philippines 28 New Zealand 5	Philippines 4 Italy 20 New Zealand 18 Papua New Guinea 91 Taiwan 3
Morocco	-	5 With CC's from: Germany 6 The Netherlands 8 UK 8 Denmark 17
Namibia	38 With CC's from: Spain 112 South Africa 49	15 With CC's from: Spain 1 South Africa 70
New Zealand	1 With CC's from: Korea 7	-
Papua New Guinea	45 With CC's from: China 1 Philippines 81 Suriname 2 Taiwan 2 USA 6	106 With CC's from Philippines 270
Peru	3 With CC's from: Ecuador 1 Spain 5	-
Seychelles	64 With CC's from: France 233 Italy 21 Korea 2 Mauritius 49 New Zealand 3 Spain 305	70 With CC's from: France 323 Italy 17 Mauritius 87 Spain 229 USA 7
Singapore	36 With CC's from: India 2 Indonesia 8 Vietnam 47	11 With CC's from: Indonesia 86 Vietnam 8

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
Sri Lanka	271 With CC's from: Maldives 395	60 With CC's from Maldives 63 Seychelles 2
Suriname	342 With CC's from: Panama 367	248 With CC's from: Panama 446
Taiwan	21 With CC's from: Brazil 1 Iceland 1 Indonesia 28 Korea 1 Peru 10 USA 8	27 With CC's from: Chile 1 Indonesia 28 USA 1 Vietnam 1 Peru 9
Thailand	507 With CC's from: Canada 18 China 9 Philippines 6 France 1 India 17 Indonesia 404 Korea 29 Maldives 45 Morocco 2 New Zealand 6 Norway 10 Papua New Guinea 59 Peru 9 Solomon Islands 4 Spain 4 Taiwan 92 UK 1 USA 108 Vietnam 230	466 With CC's from: Brazil 3 Canada 19 India 48 Indonesia 97 Korea 63 Maldives 40 Morocco 4 Norway 9 Oman 3 Papua New Guinea 45 Peru 1 Seychelles 1 Spain 2 Taiwan 85 USA 227 Vietnam 208
USA	8 With CC's from: Canada 17 Peru 1 Vietnam 1	9 With CC's from Canada 9
Vietnam	41 With CC's from:	61 With CC's from:

Processing non-EU State	2016	2017
	Chili 6	Chile 5
	China 45	China 33
	Faroe Islands 1	Fiji 21
	Fiji 1	Korea 4
	Korea 1	Norway 4
	Norway 9	Papua New Guinea 17
	Papua New Guinea 1	Russia 9
	Russia 12	USA 32
	USA 5	
Total Annex IV	3084	3179
Total CC	7366	6856

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

Yes No, but Annex IV are archived in Echt.

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 APEO⁸s in 2016-2017?

Yes 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?

Yes No

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

If yes, please detail:

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

Yes No

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

⁸ Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

Destination country (non-EU)	2016	2017
China	5	-
Marokko	-	4
Vietnam	-	3
Total	5	7

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

Yes *No*

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

If yes, please detail:

Customs has (administrative) internal procedures for export and re-export. Customs controls this.

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

Yes *No*

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

Yes *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?

At the point of entry *At the place of destination* *Not implemented*

Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation⁹

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?

Yes *No*

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.

⁹ Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

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

Yes *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:

Destination State	Year	
	2016	2017
Belgium	1	-
Benin	18	-
Cape Verde	1	-
Canada	-	1
China	54	63
Croatia	1	-
France	9	19
Italy	3	1
Malaysia	13	2
Malta	-	2
Morocco	32	35
Morocco (shrimps)	999	669
Norway	4	5
Poland/Lithuania	2	-
Portugal	1	1
South Africa	7	10
Spain	50	22
Thailand	11	14
Togo	2	-
Total	1208	844

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

Yes *No*

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:

Flag State of origin (EU or non-EU)	Number of verifications 2016		Number of verifications 2017	
	No of basic document-based verifications ¹¹	No of in-depth verifications ¹²	No of basic document-based verifications	No of in-depth verifications
<i>All imports</i>	All	-	All	-
Belize	All	-	All	1
China	All	2	All	-
Ecuador	All	3	All	-
Ghana	All	3	All	1
India	All	2	All	3
Indonesia	All	7	All	-
Japan	All	-	All	1
Korea	All	-	All	2
Mexico	All	1	All	-
Namibia	All	3	All	1
Oman	All	1	All	1
Panama	All	4	All	-
Peru	All	-	All	1
Philippines	All	14	All	-
Seychelles	All	-	All	1
South Africa	All	-	All	1
Sri Lanka	All	2	All	2
Suriname	All	4	All	-

¹¹ See fields CC1 to CC6 (*Preliminary overview checks “helicopter view”*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

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

Flag State of origin (EU or non-EU)	Number of verifications 2016		Number of verifications 2017	
	No of basic document-based verifications ¹¹	No of in-depth verifications ¹²	No of basic document-based verifications	No of in-depth verifications
Taiwan	All	22	All	3
Thailand	All	683	All	772
Vietnam	All	1	All	1
Total	All	752	All	789

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

Yes No

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

Criteria of article 31, but also Pre-identified countries and MA requests are high risk.

Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year): 20%

Method of selection: Ad random and if necessary after document control.

Section 7. Verification requests to flag States¹³

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

Yes No

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

¹³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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)
Belize	-	-	1	Questions on fishing licence
Canada	-	-	1	Questions on catch area
Ecuador	1	Missing Statistical document	-	-
Ghana	2	Duplicate CC numbers Empty CC 's behind Annex IV	-	-
India	2	Missing product description on Annex IV Old/unknown CN codes	3	Concerns authenticity Questions on GN code Wrong weights on appendix
Indonesia	2	Concerns on state of product No link on simplified cc and annexed vessels	-	-
Japan	-	-	1	Question Conservation and Management Measures Overlap Fishing dates Weights filled out wrong
Korea	-	-	1	Questions on non-manipulation documents
Malaysia	1	CC filled out wrong	-	-
Namibia	3	Duplicate CC numbers CC incomplete	1	Questions on abbreviation fish

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)
Oman	-	-	1	Concerns on fishing licences
Peru	-	-	1	Weights filled out wrong
Philippines	2	Questions on weight Incomplete CC's	-	-
Seychelles	-	-	1	Missing information on CC
Sri Lanka	1	Duplicate CC numbers	-	-
South Africa	-	-	1	Discrepancy shipping date between CC and HC
Suriname	1	Questions on issuing Annex IV's	-	-
Taiwan	1	Question on CN code Question on underlying CC Annex IV	-	-
Thailand	6	Questions on transport details Vessel information incomplete Incomplete CC behind Annex IV Questions about Annex IV procedure	1	CC not validated
Vietnam	-	-	1	Duplicate CC numbers
Total	22		13	

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: 5 verifications were not replied to before 1st deadline, reminder was sent in all cases.

2017: 2 verifications were not replied to before 1st deadline, reminder was sent in both cases.

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

Yes No

Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)¹⁴

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.*

Yes No

If yes, please provide details in the table below:

Reason for refusal of importation	2016		2017	
	Flag State	No.	Flag State	No.
Non-submission of a catch certificate for products to be imported.	Norway USA	1 1	China Norway	2 1
The products intended for importation are not the same as those mentioned in the catch certificate.	China Thailand	1 3	India	1
The catch certificate is not validated by the notified public authority of the flag State	Suriname	1		
The catch certificate does not indicate all the required information.	Namibia South Africa Suriname	1 1 1	Belize China Namibia Oman Russia Seychelles Suriname USA Vietnam	1 2 3 1 2 1 1 1 1
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				

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Reason for refusal of importation	2016		2017	
	Flag State	No.	Flag State	No.
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?

2016:

6 consignments were released after recertification or additional documents
 2 consignments were returned to the country of origin
 2 consignments were destructed

2017:

10 consignments were released after recertification or additional documents
 5 consignments were returned to the country of origin
 2 consignments were destructed

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

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

Section 9. Information on trade flows¹⁵

9.1. Did your country note a change¹⁶ of imports of fishery products since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2014-2015?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

In The Netherlands, we have noticed a decrease in direct imports (CC) and a slight decrease in indirect imports (Annex IV).
 No noteworthy change noted regarding the import countries.

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¹⁶ 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.

	2014	2015	2016	2017
CC	14172	16163	11540	10594
Annex IV	3645	5602	3084	3179

We also see, as a result of the new procedure for landing fishing vessels and the period of submission of CC's, that fishing vessels are diverting to neighboring countries.

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:



Trade Flow
2014-2015.docx



Trade Flow
2016-2017.docx

We have not noticed any change in the trade pattern.

Section 10. Information on mutual assistance¹⁷

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: All

2017: All

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: None

2017: None

Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries¹⁸

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)?

Yes No

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

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Section 12. Information on nationals¹⁹

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?

Yes *No*

We did, however, have discussions with the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality about how we can investigate (possible) IUU related cases and proceed to a possible prosecution. We noticed that a lot is still unknown about IUU in the judiciary.

12.2. What measures has your country taken to encourage nationals to notify any information on interests in third country vessels (Article 40.1)?

none

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?

Yes *No*

Ministry is currently working on a procedure

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: One case, reefer the 'Holland Klipper' was dismissed of all charges.

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)?

Yes *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?

Yes *No*

If yes, please detail:

¹⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Section 13. Infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)²⁰

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?

Yes No

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

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU)	Serious infringements detected in 2016:			Serious infringements detected in 2017:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Country 1</i>						
<i>Country 2</i>						
...						
<i>Country x</i>						
<i>Total</i>						

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

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

Yes, our intervention policy according Article 44.

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

Yes 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
<i>Country 1</i>		
<i>Country 2</i>		
...		

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Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU)	No of sighting reports issued in 2016	No of sighting reports issued in 2017
<i>Country x</i>		
<i>Total</i>		

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?

Yes *No*

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

We received from DG-MARE a sighting report /notification concerning de reefer the SIERRA KING about possible transshipment at sea. Research showed that there was no transshipment and no violation was committed.

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?

Introducing the new procedure of direct landings third country fishing vessel.

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

- One European Electronic Catch Document system
- One European Risk analysis and alert system.
- Equalize definitions of “ import” and the place of control of documents with the health legislation
- Recognition of the NEAFC PSC system under the IUU regulation, as the PSC documents contain nearly the same information as the Catch Certificates and are also validated by the competent authority of the Flag state. This will imply that in those cases where the PSC document is applicable, this replaces the IUU CC.

Section 15. Any other comments
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