

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

Article 39.4 (nationals): **Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture**

Section 1. Information on legal framework

Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, 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. Are there any changes as regards your administrative organisation since the last reporting exercise?

Yes No

2.2. *If yes, please fill in the following questions.* Does your country have different authorities/services to deal with the implementation of the IUU Regulation?

Yes No

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

- the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels;
- validation of catch certificates upon exports;
- verification of catch certificates for imports under direct landing;
- verification of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks);
- Validation and verifications of re-exports.

a) vertical co-operation (between local/regional authorities and head-quarter);

*Please explain and describe this cooperation: **The internal coordination is carried out by EAFA documentary system, e-mail and phone**.....*

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: ... **The main national authorities involved in the implementation of the IUU Regulation are:***

- ***Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture – the Agency is contact point for the implementation of the IUU Regulation. Its main activities are fisheries control, granting fisheries permissions, verification and validation of catch certificates, designating of landing ports and transshipments of third countries fishing vessels.***
- ***Customs Agency, which is competent authority for customs control, authorization, suspension and denial of importation or exportation.***
- ***Bulgarian Food Safety Agency, Directorate “Border Control” which carries out state veterinary control of imported/exported animal products.***

- Directorate General “Border Police” at the Ministry of Interior, which performs control in the territorial waters and EEZ;
- Maritime administration Agency and Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company – these authorities are responsible for port access and granting of port services.
- The cooperation between different institutions is based on a memorandum of agreement, the scope of which is to cooperate in the process of import, export and re-export of fishery products, carry out joint inspections and controls and exchange of information. In order to make communication more operational, the Heads of the Institutions designate a contact points according to their competencies.

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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): By order of the Executive Director of EAFA, a total of 5 officials are dealing with the implementation of the catch certification scheme - 3 - in Burgas, 1 - in Varna and 1 - in Sofia.

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 2016-2017? Which authorities are responsible for audits/verifications? Please detail the results:

2.4 Does your country have free zones/free ports³ in which activities relevant to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products are authorised?

Yes No

There are no free zones/free ports for the mentioned activities.

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

3.1. Please check if your list of designated ports correspond to the latest version of the Office Journal. [https://eur-](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C.2019.276.01.0011.01.ENG)

[lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C.2019.276.01.0011.01.ENG](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C.2019.276.01.0011.01.ENG)

3.2. Does your country have designated ports for direct landings or transshipment operations of fishery products and port services of third country fishing vessels (Article 5 of the IUU Regulation⁶)?

Yes

No

In implementation of Article 5 of the IUU Regulation, Bulgaria has designated the following ports, where direct landings and transshipments from third countries vessels are authorized:

- Varna;

- Burgas.

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.:

3.3. How many landings and transshipments in designated ports of third country vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? How many inspections has your country carried out and how many infringements have been detected?

Please fill-in the table below (2018):

| Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2018) | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Type of operation | Vessels | Figures(2018) | Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁷ | | | | | |
| | | | Ex. NO | FS1 | FS2 | FS3 | FSx | Total |
| Landings | Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports | Number of landings | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Number of inspections | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | % of inspections / landings | 10% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Number of infringements | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Transshipments | Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports | Number of transshipments in ports | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Number of inspections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | % of inspections / transhipments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Number of infringements | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2019) | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Type of operation | Vessels | Figures(2019) | Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁸ | | | | | Total |
| | | | Ex. NO | FS1 | FS2 | FS3 | FSx | |
| Landings | Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports | Number of landings | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Number of inspections | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | % of inspections / landings | 10% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Number of infringements | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transhipments | Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports | Number of transhipments in ports | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Number of inspections | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | % of inspections / transhipments | 100% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Number of infringements | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

3.4. From the figures above, in the cases where your country detected infringements by third country vessels between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019, 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 (2018):

| Flag of the third country vessel ⁹ | Name of the third country fishing vessel | Type of infringements | Measures taken |
|---|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| FS1 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| FS2 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |

| | | | |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| FSx | _____ | _____ | _____ |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|

Please fill-in the table below (2019):

| Flag of the third country vessel ¹⁰ | Name of the third country fishing vessel | Type of infringements | Measures taken |
|--|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| FS1 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| FSx | _____ | _____ | _____ |

3.5. 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 and the measures taken:

In 2018:

In 2019:

3.6. Since January 2018, 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?

Yes No

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

In 2018:

In 2019:

3.7. 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 2018:

In 2019:

3.8. 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/transhipments from third countries)

If yes, please detail:

Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation for the purpose of the IUU Regulation¹¹

4.1. How many catch certificates from non-EU countries were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? Please complete the following table by flag state validating the catch certificates, including in cases catch certificates are accompanied by processing statements.¹²

in red color: processing statements

| Flag State (non-EU) ¹³ | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|
| ARGENTINA | 18 | 20 |
| BELARUS | 12 | 15 |
| CABO VERDE | 2 | |
| CANADA | 137 | 113 |
| CHILE | 1 | 9 |
| CHINA | 50 | 40 |
| CHINA | 8 | 8 |
| ECUADOR | 1 | 2 |
| FALKLAND ISLANDS | 1 | |
| FAROES | 25 | 34 |
| GREENLAND | 9 | 4 |
| ICELAND | 33 | 24 |
| INDONESIA | 29 | 23 |
| INDONESIA | | 1 |
| MAURITANIE | | 1 |
| MEXIKO | 2 | 3 |
| MOROCCO | 35 | 31 |
| MYANMAR | | 2 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 19 | 13 |
| NORWAY | 14 | 10 |
| NORWAY | 17 | 19 |
| PERU | 5 | 1 |
| PHILIPPINES | | 1 |
| RUSSIA | 2 | 3 |
| SENEGAL | 11 | 4 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 1 | |
| SRI LANKA | | 10 |
| TAIWAN | 1 | |
| THAILAND | 2 | 2 |
| THAILAND | | 2 |
| TURKEY | 32 | 9 |
| URUGUAY | 2 | |
| USA | 36 | 33 |
| VIETNAM | 3 | 2 |
| VIETNAM | 6 | 4 |
| Total | 514 | 443 |

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 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|------|------|
| <i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>CCSBT CDS</i> | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 |

4.3. How many catch certificates from EU Member States were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

| Flag State (EU) | 2018 | 2019 |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| SPAIN | 1 | 7 |
| | | |
| Total | 1 | 7 |

4.4. From the number above, how many recognised RFMO catch certificates from EU Member States accompanied imports into your country? *Please detail per RFMO certificate and year.*

| RFMO document | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|------|------|
| <i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>CCSBT CDS</i> | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 |

4.5. Has your country received processing statements from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

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.

| Processing non-EU State ¹⁴ | 2018 | 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| BELARUS | 12 | 15 |
| CABO VERDE | 2 | |
| CHINA | 9 | 8 |
| ECUADOR | 1 | 2 |
| INDONESIA | | 1 |
| NORWAY | 17 | 19 |
| THAILAND | | 2 |
| VIETNAM | 6 | 4 |
| Total | 47 | 51 |

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

- Yes No
- Not applicable from (e.g. in the absence of processing statements received from non-EU countries in 2018-2019)

4.7. Has your country received requests to authorise APEO¹⁵s in 2018-2019?

- Yes No
- If yes, how many requests has your country received and how many APEOs have been authorised?

4.8. Has your country adopted administrative rules referring to the management and control of APEO in 2018-2019?

- Yes No
- Not applicable (e.g. absence of APEO request)

If yes, please detail:

4.9. Has your country validated re-export certificates for products imported from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

- Yes No

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

| Destination country (non-EU) ¹⁶ | Flag State (EU) | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|-----------------|------|------|
| | | | |

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| <i>Third Country 1</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Third Country 2</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Third Country x</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

4.10. 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 2018-2019)

If yes, please detail:

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

Yes No

We have established a register for catch certificates and processing statements, which allow online monitoring at the three designated points – Bugras, Varna and Sofia.

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

Yes No

4.12 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

The procedures for verification of catch certificates for fishery products which are placed under the transit regime are performed at the point of final destination.

5.1. Has your country validated catch certificates for exportation in 2018-2019 in accordance with Article 15?

Yes No

Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation¹⁷

5.2. 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

X Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2018-2019)

If yes, please explain briefly the established procedure and answer questions 5.2 to 5.5.

If yes, how many catch certificates did your country validate from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019? If possible, please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

| Destination State ¹⁸ | Year | |
|---------------------------------|------|------|
| | 2018 | 2019 |
| <i>Third Country 1</i> | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Third Country 2</i> | 0 | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Third Country x</i> | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 |

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2018-2019)

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019?

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2018-2019)

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 Regulation¹⁹

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

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

6.2. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? Please specify, separately for each year:

in red color: processing statements

| Flag State of origin (EU or non-EU) ²⁰ | Number of verifications 2018 | | Number of verifications 2019 | |
|---|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| | No of basic document-based verifications ²¹ | No of in-depth verifications ²² | No of basic document-based verifications | No of in-depth verifications |
| ARGENTINA | | 18 | | 20 |
| BELARUS | | 12 | | 15 |
| CABO VERDE | | 2 | | |
| CANADA | | 137 | | 113 |
| CHILE | | 1 | | 9 |
| CHINA | | 50 | | 40 |
| CHINA | | 8 | | 8 |
| ECUADOR | | 1 | | 2 |
| FALKLAND ISLANDS | | 1 | | |
| FAROES | | 25 | | 34 |
| GREENLAND | | 9 | | 4 |
| ICELAND | | 33 | | 24 |
| INDONESIA | | 29 | | 23 |
| INDONESIA | | | | 1 |
| MAURITANIE | | | | 1 |
| MEXIKO | | 2 | | 3 |
| MOROCCO | | 35 | | 31 |
| MYANMAR | | | | 2 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--|------------|--|------------|
| NEW ZEALAND | | 19 | | 13 |
| NORWAY | | 14 | | 10 |
| NORWAY | | 17 | | 19 |
| PERU | | 5 | | 1 |
| PHILIPPINES | | | | 1 |
| RUSSIA | | 2 | | 3 |
| SENEGAL | | 11 | | 4 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | | 1 | | |
| SPAIN | | 1 | | 7 |
| SRI LANKA | | | | 10 |
| TAIWAN | | 1 | | |
| THAILAND | | 2 | | 2 |
| THAILAND | | | | 2 |
| TURKEY | | 32 | | 9 |
| URUGUAY | | 2 | | |
| USA | | 36 | | 33 |
| VIETNAM | | 3 | | 2 |
| VIETNAM | | 6 | | 4 |
| Total | | 515 | | 450 |

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).

6.4. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year):

The Custom agency and the Food safety agency are performing the physical verification, the representatives of EAFE had carried out 6 physical inspections in the last two years.

2018 - 3 physical inspections

2019 - 3 physical inspections

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 Method of selection:
 Follow-up:

Section 7. Verification requests to flag States²³

7.1. Has your country sent requests for verifications under Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation to other countries authorities in 2018-2019?

Yes No

If yes, how many requests for verifications? Note: please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019:

| Flag States ²⁴ | No of requests for verifications 2018 | Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)- | No of requests for verifications 2019 | Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| SPAIN | 2 | Art.17.6 of the IUU Regulation) | | |
| CANADA | 1 | Art.17.6 of the IUU Regulation) | | |
| TAIWAN | 1 | Art.17.6 of the IUU Regulation) | | |
| ARGENTINA | | | 1 | Art.17.6 of the IUU Regulation) |
| CHINA | | | 1 | Art.17.6 of the IUU Regulation) |
| RUSSIA | | | 1 | Art.17.6 of the IUU Regulation) |
| Total | 4 | | 3 | |

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? Could you please specify when the request, despite reminder(s), remained unanswered? What measures have you taken in that case (i.e. denial of importation) [Please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019]

2018 - 0

2019 - 0

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

Yes No

7.4. Has your country been using IT systems developed by third countries allowing for a full or partly verification of catch certificates and how many verifications were made through these systems (approximately)?

Yes No

2018 - 167

2019 - 125

<https://eu-cert.nanoq.gl/check>

<https://fcs-scp.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fcsweb/ViewCertificate-en.aspx>

<http://www.fiskistofa.is/english>

<http://www.catchcertificate.no/>

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

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019? *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 | 2018 | | 2019 | |
|--|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| | Flag State ²⁶ | No. | Flag State ²⁷ | 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 noncooperating 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?

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 flows²⁸

9.1. Did your country note a change²⁹ of imports of fishery products since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017?

- Yes* *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:

| FISH SPECIES 2018 | FISH SPECIES 2019 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL | AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL |
| ALASKA POLLOCK -1.56% | ALASKA POLLOCK - 0.95% |
| CONSERV -0.68% | CONSERV -1.37% |
| BELONE -0.01% | BELONE -0% |
| HER -2.03% | HER -1.58% |
| MAC -45.25% | MAC -48.13% |
| MERLUCCIUS -8.18% | MERLUCCIUS -6.38% |
| SAIRA -0.32% | SAIRA -0% |
| SARDA -4.61% | SARDA -0.12% |
| SARDINA -1.82% | SARDINA -4.67% |
| SAVORIN -0.30% | SAVORIN -0.31% |
| SHRIMPS -21.83% | SHRIMPS -20.85% |
| SQUID TUBES -4.98% | SQUID TUBES -5.44% |
| SURIMI -0.56% | SURIMI -1.41% |
| TRACHURUS -0.12% | TRACHURUS -0.23% |
| TUNA CONSERV -1.99% | TUNA CONSERV -4.04% |
| CAP -0.06% | CAP -0% |
| SKIPJACK TUNA -4.16% | SKIPJACK TUNA -2.60% |
| SNAPPER -0.01% | SNAPPER -0.01% |
| LOBSTER -0.05% | LOBSTER -0.05% |
| ATLANTIC COD -0.01% | ATLANTIC COD -0.01% |
| OCTOPUS -0% | OCTOPUS -0.16% |
| POMATOMUS SALTATRIX -0% | POMATOMUS SALTATRIX -0.21% |
| SALMON -0% | SALMON -1.04% |

| IMPORTED FISH FROM THIRD COUNTRIES AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL QUANTITY 2018 | | IMPORTED FISH FROM THIRD COUNTRIES AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL QUANTITY 2019 | |
|--|-------|--|-------|
| ARGENTINA | 3.15 | ARGENTINA | 4.04 |
| BELARUS | 0.68 | BELARUS | 1.37 |
| CABO VERDE | 0.58 | CABO VERDE | 0.00 |
| CANADA | 33.61 | CANADA | 25.44 |
| CHINA | 7.07 | CHINA | 8.13 |
| FAROEES | 6.84 | FAROEES | 10.79 |
| GREENLAND | 2.46 | GREENLAND | 0.29 |
| ICELAND | 5.12 | ICELAND | 7.02 |
| INDONESIA | 2.77 | INDONESIA | 2.54 |
| MOROCCO | 16.62 | MOROCCO | 13.94 |
| NORWAY | 7.28 | NORWAY | 16.04 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 0.05 | SOUTH AFRICA | 0.00 |
| TAIWAN | 0.32 | TAIWAN | 0.00 |
| THAILAND | 0.54 | THAILAND | 0.88 |
| TURKEY | 4.47 | TURKEY | 0.57 |
| URUGUAY | 0.64 | URUGUAY | 0.00 |
| USA | 0.91 | USA | 1.12 |
| CHILE | 0.59 | CHILE | 0.91 |
| ECUADOR | 0.31 | ECUADOR | 0.89 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 2.26 | NEW ZEALAND | 1.73 |
| PERU | 1.18 | PERU | 0.32 |

| | | | |
|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| VIETNAM | 2.51 | VIETNAM | 2.89 |
| MAURITANIE | 0.00 | MAURITANIE | 0.29 |
| RUSSIA | 0.01 | RUSSIA | 0.31 |
| PHILIPPINES | 0.00 | PHILIPPINES | 0.29 |
| MYANMAR | 0.00 | MYANMAR | 0.19 |
| SRI LANKA | 0.00 | SRI LANKA | 0.01 |
| SENEGAL | 0.01 | SENEGAL | 0.01 |

Section 10. Information on mutual assistance³⁰

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission has your country replied to?

Please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019 (if any)

2018 -1

Ares(2018)4710101 - IUU Regulation – Mutual Assistance – Article 49(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1010/2009 – Possible improper use of catch certificates (Ref: MA_KOR_014)

2019 - 5

---Ares(2018)6426845 - IUU Regulation – Mutual Assistance – Articles 45(1) and 49(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1010/2009 – Possible suspicious trade flows from a Yemen-based legal person (Ref: MA_YEM_004)

---Ares(2019)1022705 - IUU Regulation – Mutual Assistance – Article 49(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1010/2009 – GFCM IUU vessel list (Ref: MA_GFCM_001)

---Ares(2019)1881623 - IUU Regulation – Mutual Assistance – Article 49(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1010/2009 – Alleged fishing activities in the waters of Somalia (Ref: MA_SOM_014)

----Ares(2019)2057029 - IUU Regulation – Mutual Assistance – Articles 45(1) and 49(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1010/2009 – Alert on a vessel purported to be named [REDACTED]

---Ares(2019)5560684 - IUU Regulation – Mutual Assistance – Article 45(1) of Commission Regulation (EC)

No. 1010/2009 - Samples of catch certificates and annex IV processing statements from Vietnam

Total: received - 6, replied - 3, the rest for information only

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

Please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019 (if any)

2018 - 2

2019 - 0

Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries³¹

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 licensing, as well as the investigation of criminal activities and serious infringements (Article 42)?

Yes No

If yes, please detail (please provide separate data for 2018 and 2019, if any).

Section 12. Information on nationals³²

12.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, 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

If yes, please detail:

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

We have organized an information campaign.

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

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:

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:

Section 13. Infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)³³

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

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) ³⁴ | Serious infringements detected in 2018: | | | Serious infringements detected in 2019: | | |
|---|---|--|-------------------|---|--------|-------------------|
| | Number | Nature | Sanctions applied | Number | Nature | Sanctions applied |
| | 1 | Unmarked and unregistered fishing gear | 2600 lv. | | | |
| | 1 | Taking on board of undersized fish, Fishing without a license on board | 615 lv. | | | |
| | 1 | Fishing during prohibition | 2000 lv. | | | |

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| | 1 | Fishing during prohibition | 2000 lv. | | | |
| | 1 | Fishing during prohibition | 2000 lv. | | | |
| | 1 | Fishing during prohibition | 2000 lv. | | | |
| | 1 | Switched off VMS system | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | Fishing without a valid license, Taking on board of undersized fish | 306.77 EUR |
| | | | | 1 | Fishing without a valid license | 766.94 EUR |
| | | | | 1 | Retaining species subject for which fishing is prohibited | |
| <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: *Art. 18, Fisheries and Aquaculture Act*

13.3. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

Yes No

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019?

| Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU) ³⁵ | No of sighting reports issued in 2018 | No of sighting reports issued in 2019 |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Country 1</i> | — | — |
| <i>Country 2</i> | — | — |

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| | — | — |
| <i>Country x</i> | — | — |
| <i>Total</i> | — | — |

13.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017, 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).

Section 14. General

14.1. In the reporting period 2018-2019, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

The main difficulties that we have been encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme are related to the current addresses of the authorized bodies of certain third countries, current stamps and their samples of catch certificates.

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

See Section 15

Section 15. Any other comments

We would like to use regular updated addresses, stamps and samples of CC of third countries when we request a confirmation of their catch certificates.