

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

Reporting period 2018-2019 (deadline for submission 30 April 2020)

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| Member State: | Czech Republic |
| Organisation: | General Directorate of Customs, Ministry of Agriculture |
| Date: | 8 April 2020 |
| Name, position and contact details of responsible official: | |

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

Please check if your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation correspond with the latest version of the Official Journal:

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XC0215\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XC0215(01))

Article 15.2 (exportation of catches): not applicable

Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates): Customs Offices

Article 21.3 (re-exportation): Customs Offices

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

Article 39.4 (nationals): Ministry of Agriculture

Section 1. Information on legal framework¹

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

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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:

All 15 customs offices conduct checks and verifications of catch certificates. If doubts arise, the findings are reported to the headquarters (General Directorate of Customs). This information is assessed by the headquarters and if necessary a request for assistance is sent to a third country. The outcome of the request for assistance is reported back to the customs office and based on the information provided in the reply the importation is either authorised or denied.

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 Ministry of Agriculture is the designated authority to implement Chapter VIII regarding nationals and to impose sanctions laid down in Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation.

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

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.

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

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3,5 employees expressed in 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

Only those companies that apply for APEO status can be audited.

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: 0.....

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

Yes No

No specific measures have been adopted with regard to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products in free zones. Any activities carried out in free zones shall meet the conditions laid down in Union customs legislation.

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

3.1. Please check if your list of designated ports correspond to the latest version of the Office Journal.

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

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.:

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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):

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

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.)

| Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2018) | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Type of operation | Vessels | Figures (2018) | Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁷ | | | | | Total |
| | | | Ex. NO | FS1 | FS2 | FS3 | FSx | |
| Landings | Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports | Number of landings | 100 | | | | | |
| | | Number of inspections | 10 | | | | | |
| | | % of inspections / landings | 10% | | | | | |
| | | Number of infringements | 3 | | | | | |
| Transhipments | Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports | Number of transhipments in ports | 2 | | | | | |
| | | Number of inspections | 0 | | | | | |
| | | % of inspections / transhipments | 0 | | | | | |
| | | Number of infringements | 0 | | | | | |

⁷ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Please fill-in the table below (2019):

| 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 | | | | | |
| | | Number of inspections | 10 | | | | | |
| | | % of inspections / landings | 10% | | | | | |
| | | Number of infringements | 3 | | | | | |
| Transshipments | Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports | Number of transshipments in ports | 2 | | | | | |
| | | Number of inspections | 2 | | | | | |
| | | % of inspections / transshipments | 100% | | | | | |
| | | Number of infringements | 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 | | | |

⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

⁹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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|-----|--|--|--|
| FS2 | | | |
| ... | | | |
| 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

| Flag State (non-EU)¹³ | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| PA | 64 | 83 |
| AR | 4 | 6 |
| CA | 10 | 7 |
| CL | 1 | 0 |
| CN | 12 | 5 |
| EC | 103 | 95 |
| GH | 7 | 6 |
| ID | 13 | 26 |
| IS | 18 | 0 |
| KR | 18 | 19 |
| LK | 0 | 20 |
| MA | 151 | 168 |
| MU | 0 | 1 |
| MV | 4 | 19 |
| NA | 1 | 2 |
| NI | 4 | 3 |
| NO | 4 | 7 |
| NZ | 2 | 3 |
| OM | 1 | 0 |
| PE | 3 | 3 |
| PG | 2 | 5 |
| PH | 63 | 93 |
| RU | 135 | 166 |
| SC | 5 | 26 |
| SN | 3 | 0 |

¹¹ 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*"

¹² If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

¹³ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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|--------------|------------|-------------|
| SV | 2 | 7 |
| TH | 1 | 0 |
| TR | 0 | 1 |
| TW | 3 | 4 |
| US | 316 | 218 |
| VN | 25 | 33 |
| Total | 975 | 1026 |

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 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ES | 27 | 74 |
| GB | 1 | 0 |
| IT | 1 | 2 |
| FR | 0 | 20 |
| IE | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 29 | 96 |

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 |

| RFMO document | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| <i>Dissostichus spp.</i> (CCAMLR) | 0 | 0 |
| CCSBT CDS | 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 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| CN | 54 | 66 |
| EC | 109 | 180 |
| MU | 0 | 21 |
| KR | 6 | 6 |
| PH | 3 | 0 |
| TH | 16 | 3 |
| VN | 8 | 12 |
| Total | 196 | 288 |

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

Yes No

Not applicable (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?

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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)

¹⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹⁵ Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

If yes, please detail:

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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 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| EC | 0 | 6 |
| UZ | 0 | 7 |
| VN | 1 | 0 |
| XS | 7 | 14 |
| Total | 8 | 27 |

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:

The movement of the goods is monitored by the EU nationwide customs system called Export Control System.

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4.11. 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*

4.12. 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 implemented*

¹⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation¹⁷

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 2018-2019)

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

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

Yes No

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> | | |
| <i>Third Country 2</i> | | |
| ... | | |
| <i>Third Country x</i> | | |
| Total | | |

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

¹⁷ Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

¹⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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:

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| Section 6. Information on verifications of catch certificates for importation according to Article 17.1 to 5 of IUU Regulation¹⁹ |
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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:

The internal guidelines instruct customs officers in charge of catch certificate verifications that each catch certificate must come under scrutiny. Such scrutiny includes the following steps. Firstly, customs officers shall check whether the authority which has validated the catch certificate is the competent authority notified to the Commission and verify the authenticity of stamps and signatures through the SMS database.

Subsequently, the information contained in the catch certificate is cross-checked with the data provided in the accompanying documents (invoice, veterinary certificate, transport documents). The customs officers shall check whether the data entered in the catch certificate follow a chronological order. The compliance with various RFMO's rules is also verified (inclusion on the RFMO vessel list, rules pertaining to transshipment, closure periods). If a third country is pre-identified, even more thorough verification of each catch certificate validated by the pre-identified country is undertaken, a special attention is paid to the issues raised in the decision on pre-identification.

The physical inspection of the means of transport is not part of the verification procedure but if deemed necessary it can be carried out at a later stage when the goods are presented for customs clearance.

To make the verification process more effective a simple application called Risk Areas has been created. The risk information relevant to the catch certificate verification procedure is entered into the application (information on pre-identification, mutual assistance letters, RFMO's rules, IUU vessel list) which can be easily accessed by keying in the vessel's name, flag state, species, etc. in the respective search fields. Customs officers are obliged to use this tool every time they carry out the catch certificate verification.

If the verification reveals inconsistencies or discrepancies a request for assistance to a flag state or a third country concerned is launched and the importation is suspended pending the outcome of the verification.

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:

¹⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

| 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 |
| PA | | 64 | | 83 |
| AR | | 4 | | 6 |
| CA | | 10 | | 7 |
| CL | | 1 | | 0 |
| CN | | 12 | | 5 |
| EC | | 103 | | 95 |
| GH | | 7 | | 6 |
| ID | | 13 | | 26 |
| IS | | 18 | | 0 |
| KR | | 18 | | 19 |
| LK | | 0 | | 20 |
| MA | | 151 | | 168 |
| MU | | 0 | | 1 |
| MV | | 4 | | 19 |
| NA | | 1 | | 2 |
| NI | | 4 | | 3 |
| NO | | 4 | | 7 |
| NZ | | 2 | | 3 |
| OM | | 1 | | 0 |
| PE | | 3 | | 3 |
| PG | | 2 | | 5 |

²⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²¹ See fields CC1 to CC6 (*Preliminary overview checks “helicopter view”*) of the EFCA Common methodology for IUU catch certificates verification and cross-checks.

²² 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) 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 |
| PH | | 63 | | 93 |
| RU | | 135 | | 166 |
| SC | | 5 | | 26 |
| SN | | 3 | | 0 |
| SV | | 2 | | 7 |
| TH | | 1 | | 0 |
| TR | | 0 | | 1 |
| TW | | 3 | | 4 |
| US | | 316 | | 218 |
| VN | | 25 | | 33 |
| ES | | 27 | | 74 |
| GB | | 1 | | 0 |
| IT | | 1 | | 2 |
| FR | | 0 | | 20 |
| IE | | 0 | | 1 |
| Total | | 1004 | | 1123 |

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

Yes

No

As the number of submitted catch certificates is manageable, every and each catch certificate is subject to checks and verifications. As a result, we do not deem it necessary to employ the risk assessment based on the EU criteria nor the national criteria.

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

The physical examination is not part of the verification procedure, nevertheless the consignment can be physically examined at the time of customs clearance.

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year):

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) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| KR | 1 | The signature appearing in the catch certificate did not match any of the signatures provided in the SMS database. | | |
| GH | 1 | No mention of conservation and management measures. | | |
| MA | | | 1 | Lack of clarity with regard to the weight in the catch certificate. |
| RU | | | 1 | Lack of clarity with regard to the weight in the catch certificate. |

²³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

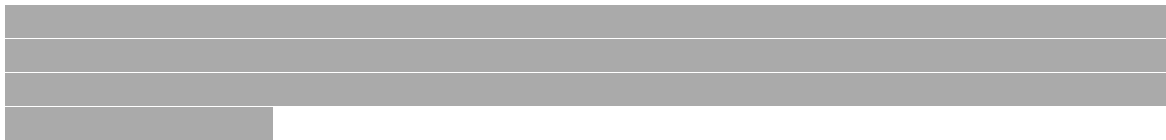
²⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

| Flag States²⁴ | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Total | 2 | | 2 | |

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]

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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)?

Where available, these IT systems were used. Approximately 603 verifications were undertaken through these IT systems.

Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)²⁵

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 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?

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²⁵ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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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:

No significant change in trade patterns was observed in the period 2018-2019 in comparison with the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017. The majority of fishery products imported to the Czech Republic originated in countries such as United States, Morocco, Ecuador, Russia, China, Philippines and Vietnam. Nevertheless, there was a decline in imports of fishery products originating in Thailand, Vietnam, Canada and Papua New Guinea while the number of imports of fishery products originating in US, Ecuador, Philippines and Russia increased.

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:

No significant change in trade patterns was observed in the period 2018-2019 in comparison with the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017. The majority of fishery products imported to the Czech Republic originated in countries such as United States, Morocco, Ecuador, Russia, China, Philippines and Vietnam. Nevertheless, there was a decline in imports of fishery products originating in Thailand, Vietnam, Canada and Papua New Guinea while the number of imports of fishery products originating in US, Ecuador, Philippines and Russia increased.

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.....6

2019.....4

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)

²⁸ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

2018.....0

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 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 2018 and 2019, if any).

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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)?

This is not relevant for the Czech Republic being a landlocked country.

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:

No administrative or penal measures have been taken.

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?

³¹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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 |
| <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:

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?

³³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

³⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

13.4. 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).

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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?

No major problems were encountered during the given period.

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

No suggestions for improvements.

Section 15. Any other comments

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³⁵ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.