

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

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

Member State:	GREECE
Organisation:	MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FOOD, GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FISHERIES, Directorate Control of Fishing Activities and Fishery Products IUU Department
Date:	27-04-2020
Name, position and contact details of responsible official:	[REDACTED]

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):

**MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FOOD,
GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FISHERIES,
DIRECTORATE CONTROL OF FISHING ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTS
IUU Department**

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Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates):

**MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FOOD,
GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FISHERIES,
DIRECTORATE CONTROL OF FISHING ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTS**

1. IUU Department

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2. Control Unit of Fishery Products – located at Athens International Airport

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Article 21.3 (re-exportation):

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GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FISHERIES,
DIRECTORATE CONTROL OF FISHING ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTS**

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

Article 39.4 (nationals):

**MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FOOD,
GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR FISHERIES
DIRECTORATE CONTROL OF FISHING ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTS**

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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:

In implementing the provisions of Reg (EC) 1005/2008 and specifically regarding the procedures of control and validation of export CC, of control and approval of the import CC, the Central and Regional Fisheries Administration are involved. In procedures of inspection and of access to third country vessels in the designated ports, the competent Port Authorities are additionally involved.

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:

In procedures of the provisions of Reg (EC) 1005/2008 cooperation is developed with the Port Authorities, veterinary and customs authorities

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.

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):

The directly involved fisheries officers who handle the procedures for checking CC at a daily basis are 3 employees

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 freezones/freeports³ in which activities relevant to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products are authorised?

Yes No

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. 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 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.:

GRC_Designated Ports for Foreign Vessels' landings/transhipments_Reg 1005/08 art. 5(3)						
s/n	Regional Unit	Port	Port Code	Latitude	Longitude	
1	PEIRAIAS	Keratsini (auction hall)	IXT	37,958	23,612	
2	THESSALONIKI	Nea Michaniona (auction hall)	NMX	40,469	22,839	

3.3. How many landings and transhipments 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): NONE

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
			<i>Ex. NO</i>	<i>FS1</i>	<i>FS2</i>	<i>FS3</i>	<i>FSx</i>	
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): *NONE*

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): *NONE*

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): *NONE*

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.

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: *In 14-07-2019 the [redacted] of Gambian flag, owned by [redacted] [redacted] located in Sierra Leone, while steaming from Alexandria-Egypt to Sicily and being south of Crete decided to call at Kaloi Limenes port (south of Crete) for fueling, although this is not a designated port for third country vessels. After a thorough inspection by Hellenic Coast Guard fisheries inspectors it was sanctioned for violating Reg 1005/2008 provisions.*

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
AL	21	29
AR	94	114
AU	0	1
BZ	2	0
CA	105	105
CI	1	0
CL	5	0
CN	242	214
CO	0	1
DZ	1	0
EC	17	26
EG	99	31
FO	2	1
GH	27	17
GL	5	6
GM	0	2
ID	333	405
IN	411	425
IS	11	14
JM	2	7
KE	2	5
KR	17	17
LK	0	1
MA	154	276
MG	0	1

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.

Flag State (non-EU)¹³	2018	2019
MR	49	59
MV	27	21
MX	22	18
MY	0	2
MZ	2	0
NA	21	24
NG	0	2
NI	0	22
NO	34	51
NZ	227	191
OM	17	8
PA	7	21
PE	16	16
PG	4	8
PH	97	109
PK	1	0
RU	76	89
SB	0	2
SN	1034	1138
SV	0	1
TH	20	19
TN	98	55
TR	662	620
TW	29	44
US	111	129
UY	0	4
VN	42	12
YE	3	2
ZA	83	89
Total	4233	4454

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>	<i>NON</i>	<i>NON</i>
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	<i>NON</i>	<i>NON</i>
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	<i>NON</i>	<i>NON</i>
Total		

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
SP	9	16
FR	3	6
PO	1	1
UK	4	1
EE	1	0
Total	18	24

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>	<i>NON</i>	<i>NON</i>
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	<i>NON</i>	<i>NON</i>
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	<i>NON</i>	<i>NON</i>
Total		

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
CI	1	0
CN	274	323
CV	4	0

¹⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

EC	4	21
GH	5	4
GT	0	2
KR	1	2
MA	10	0
MK	9	6
NO	7	1
PG	1	9
SG	14	0
TH	120	165
TR	2	1
TW	57	28
US	63	42
VN	6	18
Total	534	582

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)

If yes, please detail:

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

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
CH	3	2
ID	1	
XS		1
US		1
Total	4	4

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:

Close the Re-Export case upon receipt the Customs Declaration

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.

According to the procedure established for the validation of CC for export of fishery products in third countries, when required, all the data entered into the logbook, in the Landing Declaration and in the first sale statement or in the sale invoice of fishery products are examined.

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>AL</i>	213	51
<i>IT</i>	2	36
<i>TR</i>	25	19
<i>BG</i>	-	42
<i>ID</i>	-	12
Total	240	160

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)

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

¹⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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:

The administration applies the following steps:

- a) Check the Validating authority (SMS database DGMARE website: List of flag State notifications)
- b) Check the Fishing vessels for IUU activities according to the regulations of EU (EU IUU vessels list RFMO websites Integrated IUU vessels list Mutual Assistance notes),
- c) Crosscheck the species, the quantities and the CN code with the health certificate
- d) Check the flag State Validation Authority (stamp of the authority, the name and the signature (if possible) of the person who validate the Catch Certificate)(SMS database)
- e) Crosscheck the exporter with the Bill of landing/CMR/Airway bill and the health certificate and if the flag state has data base with CC, then we check this data base (eg. USA)
- f) Crosscheck the transport details with the Bill of landing/CMR/Airway bill

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:

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

¹⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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
<i>CN</i>	182	15	207	17
<i>AL</i>	20	1	24	1
<i>AR</i>	94	6	82	5
<i>BR</i>	0	0	1	0
<i>BZ</i>	3	0	0	0
<i>CA</i>	106	3	127	4
<i>CI</i>	1	0	0	0
<i>CL</i>	4	0	14	1
<i>DZ</i>	1	0	0	0
<i>EC</i>	13	1	18	1
<i>EG</i>	99	3	14	0
<i>ES</i>	8	0	4	0
<i>FO</i>	2	0	3	0
<i>FR</i>	2	0	7	0
<i>GA</i>	0	0	1	0
<i>GH</i>	8	0	8	0
<i>GL</i>	7	0	15	0
<i>ID</i>	186	15	107	9
<i>IN</i>	411	25	374	22
<i>IS</i>	11	1	13	1
<i>JM</i>	1	0	1	0
<i>KE</i>	2	0	4	0
<i>KR</i>	41	3	30	3
<i>LK</i>	0	0	5	0

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
<i>MA</i>	95	6	222	13
<i>MR</i>	49	3	68	4
<i>MU</i>	0	0	2	0
<i>MV</i>	63	4	61	4
<i>MX</i>	19	1	13	0
<i>MZ</i>	2	0	0	0
<i>NA</i>	21	1	14	1
<i>NG</i>	0	0	4	0
<i>NO</i>	32	1	37	1
<i>NZ</i>	227	18	156	12
<i>OM</i>	17	1	21	1
<i>PA</i>	5	0	3	0
<i>PE</i>	16	1	36	2
<i>PG</i>	15	1	20	2
<i>PH</i>	46	4	35	3
<i>PK</i>	1	0	2	0
<i>PT</i>	1	0	2	0
<i>RU</i>	132	11	192	19
<i>SB</i>	0	0	2	0
<i>SC</i>	0	0	3	0
<i>SN</i>	955	57	995	60
<i>SV</i>	0	0	1	0
<i>TH</i>	11	1	13	1
<i>TN</i>	97	6	39	2

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
TR	572	17	513	15
TW	12	1	8	1
UK	9	0	5	0
US	148	9	181	11
UY	0	0	2	0
VE	0	0	0	0
VN	31	2	37	3
YE	3	0	1	0
ZA	66	4	69	4
Total	3847	222	3816	226

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).

We use the criteria laid down of the Article 31 of Commission Regulation 1010/2009

6.4. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes No

If yes, please detail:

Number (per year):

Method of selection:

Follow-up:

Section 7. Verification requests to flag States²³

²³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

7.1. Has your country sent requests for verifications under Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation to other countries authorities in 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)
AR	1	1	2	2
AU			1	1
BZ	1	1		
CN			1	1
ES			1	1
EG	5	5		
ID	2	2	14	14
IN	6	6	7	7
LT			1	1
MR	1	1		
MV			2	2
MY			1	1
OM	1	1		
PE			1	1
RU			1	1
SB			1	1
SN	5	5	5	5
TR			2	2
YE			1	1
Total	22	22	41	41

²⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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 **NON**

2019 **NON**

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, our country use all the available IT systems developments by third countries. We verify all CCs from these countries.

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)			TR/ES	1

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

The products were returned to the country of processing under the supervision of the customs authorities

²⁵ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

²⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²⁷ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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:

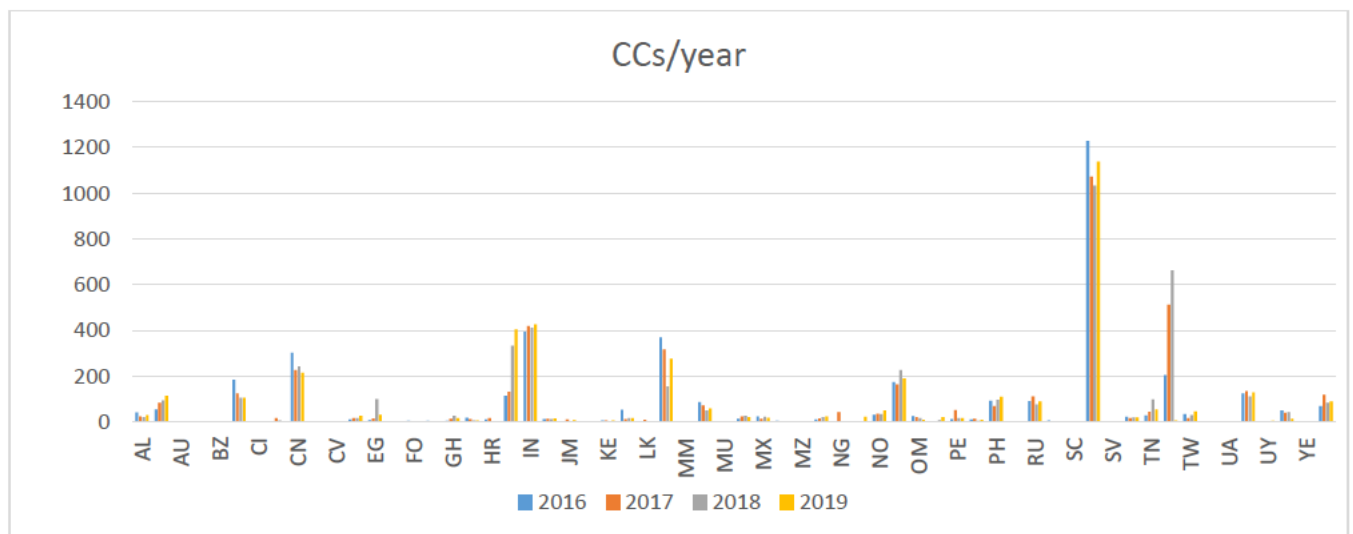
The statistical test performed with the t test (unknown variance, small sample)

For the Catch certificates [$H_0 : m \neq m_0$] at 0.49 (2016/2017-2018 / 2019)

For the statements [$H_0 : m \neq m_0$] at 0.25 (2016/2017-2018 / 2019)

Showed that there were no changes in trade flows.

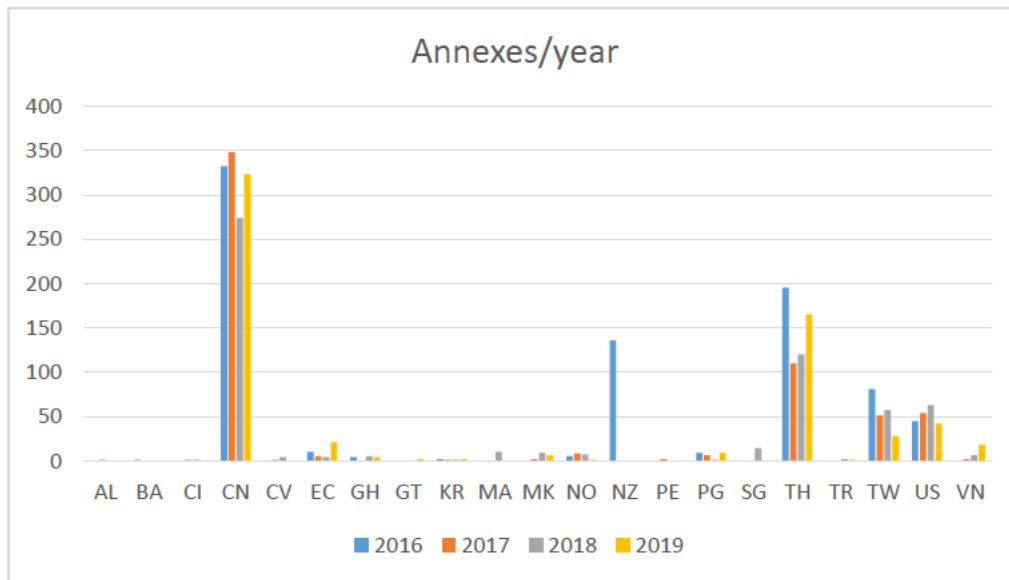
9.2. Please provide information, deriving from your country's statistical data, concerning change of trade patterns in imports of fishery products into your country:



But we can notice that we have a raise in Catch Certificates from Argentina, Indonesia & Namibia.

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.



We have no annexes from New Zealand since the last period

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.....5.....

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.....1.....

³⁰ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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).

- As regards fishing vessel [REDACTED], the efforts undertaken by the Directorate General for Fisheries of the Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development & Food through the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs to contact the Malagasy authorities, in order to get information about the fishing activity of the vessel and its registration status, had no effect so far.

The Fisheries Monitoring Center of the Hellenic Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy contacted the Malagasy Port Authorities on 5-7-2018 and on the same day they replied that the [REDACTED] vessel has been registered in Madagascar since 1996 and the VMS signals notified indicate that the vessel is fishing without pause from 8/12/2017 to 5/7/2018.

-As regards fishing vessel [REDACTED] the efforts undertaken by the Directorate General for Fisheries of the Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development & Food through the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs to contact the Malagasy authorities, in order to get information about the fishing activity of the vessel and its registration status, had no effect so far.

Furthermore, the Fisheries Monitoring Center of the Hellenic Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy contacted the Malagasy Port Authorities on 6/7/2018 requesting data on the fishing activity and registration of the vessel, but there has been no response so far.

For the two fishing vessels above, a request for assistance has been addressed by the Directorate General for Fisheries of the Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development & Food (Document with Ref. no 244/17228/17.01.2020) to the DG MARE/Directorate for International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries/Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fisheries Policy, in order to get an official reply by the Malagasy authorities on the issues requested officially by the Greek authorities

- As regards fishing vessel [REDACTED] during 2018-19 the vessel remained inactive in the port of Sierra Leone due to technical problems. This was confirmed on 16-10-2018 by the competent Sierra Leone authorities following a request by the Fisheries Monitoring Center of the Hellenic Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy with the assistance of The EU Ambassador in Sierra Leone.

Furthermore, following a request by the Directorate General for Fisheries of the Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development & Food, via the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, according to a verbal note sent by the Embassy of S.Korea in Athens it was certified that the ship is not registered in the Korean Fleet Register.

-As regards fishing vessel [REDACTED] during 2018-19 the vessel remained inactive in the port of Dakar in Senegal due to the lack of available Fisheries Agreement. This was confirmed on 17-8-2018 by the competent Senegal authorities following a request by the Fisheries Monitoring Center of the Hellenic Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy.

³¹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

-As regards fishing vessel [redacted] during 2018-19 the vessel remained inactive in the port of Dakar in Senegal due to technical problems. This was confirmed on 17-8-2018 by the competent Senegal authorities following a request by the Fisheries Monitoring Center of the Hellenic Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy, and on the same message there has been the assurance that in case of departure the Greek authorities would be notified immediately.

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)?

They have been widely informed for the provisions of the Regulations on IUU fishing and the existing dangers of their insufficient application, so for the citizens to operate within the existing framework.

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:

³² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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

13.1. Has your country detected serious infractions 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 infractions, nature and sanctions applied:

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU)	Serious infractions detected in 2018:			Serious infractions detected in 2019:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Gambia</i>				1	calling at non-designated port	Fine, seizure of catch, temporary immobilization of f/v
<i>Gambia</i>				1	non-compliance with VMS/ERS data and prior notice requirements	Fine, seizure of catch, temporary immobilization of f/v
<i>Gambia</i>				1	fishing without a valid license	Fine, seizure of catch, temporary immobilization of f/v
<i>Country x</i>						
<i>Total</i>				1		

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?

³³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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) ³⁴	No of sighting reports issued in 2018	No of sighting reports issued in 2019
TR	1216	748
Total	1216	748

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 ability to control and verify: i) the listed management measures (in many cases the number of national legislation of the third countries is provided). ii) Whether there are sufficient reasons for adopting simplified CC.
- Difficulties of control and enforcement of provisions of the IUU legislation for nationals especially when these are not residents of the country or in cases they manage fishing companies that are based in third countries.
- Problems with the transshipments, the Flag State FV transshipment at another third country and the Fishery products import at EU from other third country.
- Difficulties to control and validation of CC copies that accompany the import of fisheries products which have been processed in a third country other than the flag State when the amounts of CC and import cargo are not identified.

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

Creation of certain legislative provisions in order to include the following aspects:

- a. For the cases of import cargoes that are re-exported for processing to third countries and re-imported or separated from the original cargo in MS after their

³⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

importation, the validation and verification must occur on the second importation or during the further importation or movement in another MS. There must be an appendix in the CC with information, which should be verified by the competent authorities, regarding a) the cargos of the second importation or of any further movement within the Community, b) the transfers, c) the importer,.

b. Annex IV of the CC must be completed each time when the cargo is processed even if processing takes place in MS or in the flag State.

c. The possibility of returning cargos to the export country.

The conservation and management measures applicable to any third country and particularly the prohibition periods in order to achieve effective control of the CC.

Section 15. Any other comments

Waiting the NT, we think it will solve many of the above mentioned problems.

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