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LOGBOOK - GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

1. Background

This Guidance Note applies to **British fishing vessels** operating in the Isle of Man's territorial waters. It explains the requirements of the [Sea Fisheries \(Logbook\) Regulations 2015](#) (as amended by [SD 2022/0332](#)) in relation to fishing logbook data but is not a definitive statement of Isle of Man law. The Regulation can be found at www.gov.im/fisheries under "Legislation, Policy & Guidance" and further guidance can be obtained from this webpage.

A "British fishing vessel", for the purposes of this Guidance Note, is defined as: a fishing boat which is registered in the Isle of Man under the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1991 or in the United Kingdom or Channel Islands under equivalent legislation, and which holds a valid UK commercial fishing licence.

2. Under-10 m vessels

The Isle of Man sea fishing licence Condition (Section G) applies the following conditions to British fishing vessels that are 10-metres-and-under in overall length:

The master, or their representative, shall complete either:-

- a paper logbook in accordance with [Schedule 2 of the Sea Fisheries \(Logbook\) Regulations 2015](#); or
 - an Electronic Catch Record
- for each fishing operation undertaken in Isle of Man territorial waters, indicating specifically all quantities of each species caught.

The Electronic Catch Record referred to above must be completed and submitted via either –

- the world wide web at the following URL address: <https://record-catch.service.gov.uk>; or
- the official '**Record Your Catch**' application available from either –
 - the Google Play Store [bit.ly/3zysBUM]; or
 - the Apple Store [apple.co/3zA3tgl].

The Electronic Catch Record referred to in (a) shall contain at least the following information:

1. the external identification number and the name of the fishing vessel;
2. the date on which the fishing vessel departed port on the fishing trip in which the catch was taken;
3. the port from which the vessel departed;
4. the date on which the landing to the catch will be taking place;
5. the port to which the landing of the catch will take place;
6. the type of fishing gear used to catch the fish species to be landed, including the mesh size, dimensions and/or number as applicable;

7. the FAO 3-Alpha Species Code of each species and the relevant ICES statistical sub-rectangle where the catches were taken;
8. the estimated quantities of each species in kilograms live weight;
9. the estimated quantities in kilograms for discards of any species not subject to landing obligation pursuant to article 15 of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013, as amended;
10. The permitted margin of tolerance in estimates recorded in the electronic catch record of the quantities in kilograms of fish landed or retained on board shall be 10% for all species.

Where the vessel retains on board any quantity of species subject to British quota limits, the Electronic Catch Record referred to above must be submitted after the last fishing operation for the fishing trip in question has been completed, and on landing or transshipping any fish that was retained on board. This shall apply even to those species subject to catch limits that are retained on board and not landed.

Where the vessel lands any quantity of fish that are not subject to British quota limits, the Electronic Catch Record must be submitted no later than 24 hours after landing.

3. 10-12 m vessels

You are required to:

- have on board a paper logbook. These can be obtained from DEFA or the Manx Fish Producer Organisation in Peel (Tel: 01624 842144, or email at iomfishermen@manx.net).
- complete the logbook on a daily basis, no later than 23.59 UTC and before entering port
- submit the paper logbook and landing declaration within 48 hours of landing by post to DEFA at above address or via harbour-side boxes in Douglas, Port St Mary, Peel or Ramsey
- all requested information must be supplied as detailed in the paper logbook instructions
- Detailed requirements for the completion and submission of paper logs are set out in **Schedule 2** to the Sea Fisheries (logbook) Regulations 2015.

4. 12m and over vessels

You are required to:

- have on board an operational electronic means of recording and submitting fishing logbook data
- submit data daily, no later than 23:59 UTC, after the last fishing operation has taken place, and before entering port.
- send by electronic means a landing declaration, indicating all quantities of each species landed as live weight equivalent, as soon as possible, and not later than 24 hours after the completion of a landing. Please note that the recorded live weight equivalent must be accurate – and it is defined as: the live weight equivalent of fishery products initially uploaded from the vessel to land. Masters/skippers or their representatives are responsible for this report and you are strongly urged to actually check weights rather than rely on estimates
- Detailed requirements for the completion and submission of fishing data by electronic means are set out in **Schedule 1** to the Sea Fisheries (logbook) Regulations 2015.

5. Technical Failure of e-logs

Vessels must not proceed to sea without having sent a DEP message or being in possession of authorisation to leave port.

IOM licensed and registered vessels

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

1. Report the failure to AST on 01493 441485; customer.service@ast-uk.com or report online at <http://customerservice.satcomms.com> You should obtain a ticket number which you must provide to DEFA – this may take up to 2 hours if you report online or by email.
2. Notify DEFA of the problem – contact 01624 685857.
3. Report to UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre on 0131 271 9700 or via 01624 686593 (calls charged at local rate) and provide the information listed in Appendix 3.

Other times including weekends and Bank Holidays

1. Report to UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre on 0131 271 9700 or via 01624 686593 (calls charged at local rate) and provide the information listed in Appendix 3.
2. On the first available working day (at DEFA), notify AST and DEFA as above.

DEFA may give authority to sail provided that these steps have been followed, and for 3 Departure Reports only. You must work with AST to identify and resolve any problems during this time - an extension to the authority to leave port will depend on this. If you leave port without authority, you may be liable to prosecution.

The **AST Helpline** is currently available available 8am to midnight, 7 days a week including Bank Holidays.

Other Vessels

1. Report problems to your e log supplier.
2. Report to the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre as required by your Fishery Authority (FA).

If you fish in the Isle of Man territorial waters without an operational electronic means of recording and submitting logbook data and you do not have authority to leave port from your FA, you may be liable to prosecution.

6. Transshipment

Transshipment is prohibited in the territorial waters of the Isle of Man except where a “**Transshipment Notice of Variation**” is issued by DEFA. For further information, contact DEFA on 01624 685857.

7. Estimated weights of species caught

The permitted margins of tolerance in estimates electronically recorded (FAR) or in paper logbooks of the quantities of seafood retained on board must not exceed 10% live weight of all species.

The Landing Declaration (LAN) must record the actual weight of species landed or the number of individuals if required by licence condition.

“Seafood” is defined as: fish of any kind found in the sea, including shellfish and molluscs and any parts of any such fish.

8. Fishing outside the Isle of Man territorial sea

DEFA can authorise masters of Isle of Man Registered and licenced vessels to fish without an electronic means of reporting fishing logbook data outside of the Island's territorial waters. However, the procedure detailed above must be followed. Failure to do this may result in prosecution if boarded by Enforcement Officers from a UK Fishing Authority and you do not have authorisation from DEFA to leave port.

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