

# Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture

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## **Isle of Man Buyer and Sellers**

**If you currently export fish to the EU, you'll need to use the new digital services to create catch certificates and other export documents. Register today to prepare for a no deal Brexit.**

Leaving the EU with a deal remains the UK government's top priority. This has not changed. However, a responsible government must plan for every eventuality, including a no deal scenario.

If the UK leaves the EU on 29 March 2019 without a deal, Isle of Man businesses exporting fish to the EU will have to follow new rules and processes to demonstrate the fish have been caught legally and sustainably.

## **Exporting fish to the EU in a no deal**

UK and Isle of Man exporters will be required to create a catch certificate for most fish and fish products that are exported to the EU after 29 March 2019 (excluding some aquaculture products, freshwater fish, some molluscs, scallops, fish fry or larvae). Additional documents may also be required if you are exporting fish that has been sourced from another country and then stored or processed in the Isle of Man or UK before it is exported to the EU.

To find out what documents you need in order to trade fish with the EU if there is no Brexit deal, visit [www.gov.uk/brexit-import-export-fish](http://www.gov.uk/brexit-import-export-fish)

## Register now

The UK Fisheries Authorities have developed a new digital service to enable exporters to create catch certificates and other supporting documents electronically.

As a buyer in the Isle of Man you can use the new service from today to create sample export documents before the UK leaves the EU. To access the service you will need to sign in or create a UK Government Gateway user ID. Make a note of your Government Gateway user ID and password so you can sign in next time. You will then need to create a business Defra account using your business contact details. You will only need to register once. In respect of the Isle of Man you may need to register as an “Organisation that is not registered in the UK” as the Isle of Man Companies house number is not recognised in the UK.

**To register, visit [www.gov.uk/brexit-import-export-fish](http://www.gov.uk/brexit-import-export-fish)**

## Prepare your business today

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, exporters will need to use the new digital service from 30 March 2019 to create the necessary export documents. If your export does not have the correct documentation it may be refused or detained.

Registering early gives exporters time to test the new service before the UK leaves the EU. Any sample documents created before 29 March 2019 will not be valid for export.

If you experience any problems with the service, please let the GOV.UK support know through the feedback link in the service. They will be continuing to make improvements over the coming months.

For further information, or if you have any queries, contact details are available on GOV.UK website.

Kind regards,



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IOM link to Exporters' checklist: <https://www.gov.im/categories/business-and-industries/exporting-live-animals-food-and-drink-plants-and-plant-products-to-the-european-union/>

## Key facts to support this letter

- In the event of no deal, under Regulation (EC) 1005/2008, most fish and fish products will require a catch certificate for import or export between the UK and the EU. Catch certificates prove that fish has been caught in accordance with established conservation and management measures. All non-EU countries are required to present catch certificates when trading with the EU. The content of the catch certificate will be verified by the UK fisheries authority where the vessel is licensed. Supporting documents may be required if the fish have been sourced from another country and then stored or processed in the UK. You can create these export documents using the new digital service. Import catch certificates will continue to be processed through the current paper-based system.
- In addition, exporters will need to obtain an Export Health Certificate (EHC) to prove that exports of fish comply with the quality and health standards of the destination country. An EHC is an official document, signed by a veterinarian or local authority environmental health officer, and is specific to the product being exported and the destination country. You will not need a health certificate for imports of fish from the EU for at least 6 months. For more information about EHCs, please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-animal-products-fish-and-fishery-products-to-the-eu-after-eu-exit>
- Additional customs requirements may apply in a no deal. For more information, including how to register for a UK Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number, please refer to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-and-importing-goods-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal>