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UK TRANSITION

SEAFOOD EXPORTERS:

How to export wild-caught marine fishery products to the EU from 1 January 2021

Check what you need to do by following this process.

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Start

Register for the Fish Export Service

Check you have an EORI number.

Check you have engaged an approved individual or organisation to certify export health certificates for your consignments.

Register for Export Health Certificate Online.

Register as a buyer or seller of first-sale fish.

Check that you and/or your importer in the EU is registered for the Trade Control and Export System (TRACES).

Register to make your HMRC customs export declarations and VAT declarations.

If you're a UK food establishment:

Contact your local authority to have your premises approved as a food establishment

Send a request for EU listing to: eulisting@food.gov.uk

At the point of sale

When you buy first-sale fish submit sales notes by the legal deadline to:
England – MMO
Scotland - Marine Scotland
N Ireland - DAERA
Wales – Welsh Government

Check you are exporting via local authority approved premises

Check the premises in the EU is approved.

If you're a vessel owner:

Ensure MMO has your email address: info@marinemanagement.org.uk

Apply for an IMO number (if the vessel is over 12m or 100 tons). Download the IMO registration application form and send to ship.imo@ihs.com.

Register with the Fish Export Service (you will be advised how to do this)

Practice submitting catch certificates in advance.

Submit all logbook, landing declarations and catch recording accurately by the legal deadline:
• 10-12m – within 48 hrs
• Over 12m – within 24 hrs
• Under 10m – in accordance with licence conditions

Prepare for export

Check your goods are correctly labelled.

Apply for an Export Health Certificate

Send for checking to:
APHA - England, Scotland & Wales
DAERA – Northern Ireland

Complete a catch certificate for each consignment of fish. Online with the Fish Export Service.

Send the validated certificate to your EU importer within the deadlines:

Sea – 72 hrs before landing
Air/rail – 4 hrs before arrival
Road – 2 hrs before arrival

Contact your EU importer with details of the consignment and the EHC at least 24 hrs before arrival

Lodge your customs export declaration

Check if your export needs a permit under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

If you are exporting an endangered species you must apply for a CITES export permit.

Send this to your relevant authority - MMO, Marine Scotland, DAERA or Welsh Government.

Complete your part of a Common Health Entry Document via the Trade Control and Export System (TRACES)

You may need a UK storage document

If needed, create a UK processing statement

Transportation

Check your haulier is aware of requirements for driving in the EU.

Ensure the original Export Health Certificate travels with the consignment and copies are sent electronically to the importer.

Placing a commercial seal on the means of transport after loading may speed up border controls in many cases. The seal must be certified on the Export Health Certificate.

Update EU importer if the expected time of arrival or means of export changes.

Goods can exit from any UK port but must enter the EU through a Border Control Post that handles fisheries products.

Goods may be inspected at the Border Control Post. Once cleared, your EU importer will be issued with the completed Common Health Entry Document, allowing the consignment to enter the EU market.

If the goods don't pass inspection, your EU importer is responsible for dealing with the consignment, as directed by the Border Control Post.

Finish

Further information:

Fish Export Service – Helpline: 0330 159 1989

Fisheries in England – MMO Email: info@marinemanagement.org.uk Phone: 0300 123 1032

Fisheries in Scotland – Email: marinescotland@gov.scot Phone: 0300 244 4000

Fisheries in Wales – Email: holyheadmailbox@gov.wales Phone: 03000 625777

Fisheries in Northern Ireland Email: DAERAFisheriesTransition@daera-ni.gov.uk

APHA – Email: fish.exports@apha.gov.uk

HMRC Customs and International Trade Helpline – 0300 300 3700