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**Biennial report on the application of the IUU Regulation No 1005/2008**

Dear [REDACTED],

Please, find attached the questionnaire for biennial reporting on the application of the IUU Regulation. The report of Finland was filled in by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in collaboration with the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Southwest Finland.

Director General

Marja Kokkonen

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

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

<b>Member State:</b>	<i>Finland</i>
<b>Organisation:</b>	<i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i>
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<b>May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States?</b>	
<b>Yes:</b>	Yes
<b>Yes except for questions (list):</b>	
<b>No:</b>	

**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)) - checked

**Article 15.2 (exportation of catches):**

**Article 17.8 (verification of catch certificates):**

**Article 21.3 (re-exportation):**

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

**Article 39.4 (nationals):**

**Section 1. Information on legal framework<sup>1</sup>**

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 organisation<sup>2</sup>**

2.1. Are there any changes as regards your administrative organisation since the last reporting exercise?

Yes  No

*If yes, please fill in the following questions.*

2.2. 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:*

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry supervises, steers and coordinates the control of the CFP. The ELY Centre for Southwest Finland has independent powers to decide for catch certificate issues. In practise, The Ministry and the ELY Centre meet bilaterally as well as together with food safety authorities and Customs authorities to discuss matters related to IUU tasks.

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:*

Customs are an integral part of the process for verification of the catch certificates of the imported products. ELY Centre receives the catch certificate electronically usually in advance for verification from the importer. The original catch certificate must be presented to the Customs together with other import documents and the Customs send the original document to the ELY Centre afterwards. The Customs do not release the imported fish to free circulation

<sup>1</sup> This section 1 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

<sup>2</sup> This section 2 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member State.

before the ELY Centre has verified the catch certificate in the electronic system. Normally Finnish Food Authority is not a part of the IUU process but it carries out simultaneously its own veterinary border inspection independently of IUU verification. It's possible for the ELY Centre to carry out physical inspections with Customs and food safety authorities, if necessary. Coordination is needed in case of direct landings from third country vessels but this kind of activity has not taken place in Finland for decades.

- 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):*

Approximately 1.6 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

*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:*

The rules on inspection, checks and verifications in Articles 9 to 17 of the IUU Regulation 1005/2005 apply. However, no audits or verifications on the spot has been carried out for IUU purposes.

Does your country have freezones/freeports<sup>3</sup> 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 vessels<sup>4</sup> (including information on port inspections and infringements)<sup>5</sup>**

- 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](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_2019.276.01.0011.01.ENG) – checked

- 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 Regulation<sup>6</sup>)?

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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<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones_en)

<sup>4</sup> Fishing vessels as defined in article 2.5 of the IUU Regulation

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Please note that ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations must also be designated under the IUU Regulation with restrictions if necessary (species etc.)

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):

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

<sup>7</sup> 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) <sup>8</sup>					Total
			Ex. NO	FS1	FS2	FS3	FSx	
Landings	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	100					0
		Number of inspections	10					0
		% of inspections / landings	10%					100%
		Number of infringements	3					0
Transhipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports	2					0
		Number of inspections	2					0
		% of inspections / transhipments	100%					100%
		Number of infringements	0					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 <sup>9</sup>	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 <sup>10</sup>	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			

<sup>8</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>9</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>10</sup> 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: .....

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 Regulation<sup>11</sup>**

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.<sup>12</sup>

<b>Flag State (non-EU)<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
US	37	9
EC	22	10
SV	12	36
PH	64	64
FO	41	30
GII	0	1
GL	6	9
ID	28	2
IS	525	524
CA	34	29
CN	0	3
CO	12	8
KR	51	76
MV	40	79
MU	24	46
NO	624	698
PA	6	6
PG	24	38
SB	3	10
SC	241	217
TW	32	2
NZ	0	27
RU	8	13
VN	4	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 804</b>	<b>1 949</b>

4.2. From the number above, how many recognised RFMO catch certificates accompanied imports into your country? Please detail per RFMO certificate and year.

<b>RFMO document</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document	0	0
Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)	0	0
CCSBT CDS	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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?

<sup>11</sup> 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"

<sup>12</sup> If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

<sup>13</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.



Flag State (EU)	2018	2019
<i>ES</i>	198	293
<i>IT</i>	18	22
<i>LT</i>	11	2
<i>FR</i>	211	345
<i>EE</i>	5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>663</b>

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
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	0	0
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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 <sup>14</sup>	2018	2019
<i>EC</i>	1	4
<i>SV</i>	7	10
<i>PH</i>	3	1
<i>CN</i>	17	10
<i>MU</i>	128	166
<i>SC</i>	13	21
<i>TH</i>	149	182
<i>RU</i>	0	4
<i>VN</i>	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>442</b>

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 APEO<sup>15</sup>s in 2018-2019?

<sup>14</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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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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) <sup>16</sup>	2018	2019
<i>Third Country 1</i>		
<i>Third Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Third Country x</i>		
Total		

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:

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4.11. Has your country established any IT tools to monitor the catch certificates and processing statements accompanying imports?

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

<sup>16</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

*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*

*The Customs demand a copy of the Catch Certificate before permission to transit but the validation of the Catch Certificate can be made after the transit and must be made before release to free circulation.*

**Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation<sup>17</sup>**

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.

*Exporter submits completed catch certificate to the ELY Centre by letter or e-mail. The ELY Centre verifies the information (fishing areas, fishing days and landings) using the IT system for fisheries control. The ELY Centre sends the dated, signed and stamped certificate by letter or e-mail to the exporters. The validated Catch Certificate is recorded in the national IT system.*

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 <sup>18</sup>	Year	
	2018	2019
<i>UA</i>	0	3
Total	0	3

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*

*Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2018-2019)*

<sup>17</sup> Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

<sup>18</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

If yes, please detail:

*Number (per year):* .....

*Reason:* .....

*Follow-up:* .....

<b>Section 6. Information on verifications of catch certificates for importation according to Article 17.1 to 17.5 of IUU Regulation<sup>19</sup></b>
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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 whole procedure of the verification is carried out in the national IT system. The IT system includes warnings and blockades that automatically recognise for example the following characteristics: vessel, fish species and country of origin as well as importer and exporter. There is also a possibility to record the refusals of CC's by other Member States. The IT system is under constant development. Currently, especially the risk analysis (e.g. yellow card countries) and reporting functions have been improved.*

*In case the risk analysis in the IT system gives a reason the catch certificates are checked deeper in accordance with the EFCA common methodology.*

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:

*There was not yet a reporting function during 2018-2019 in the system so that number data could be given on this question. For example, all catch certificates of risk countries like yellow card countries are checked in depth. See also answers 6.1 above and 6.3 below.*

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).

*The risk assessment is constructed in the IT system. In case the IT system gives a warning on a catch certificate it will be inspected deeper.*

6.4. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

*Yes*

*No*

If yes, please detail:

*Number (per year):* .....

*Method of selection:* .....

*Follow-up:* .....

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<sup>19</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

**Section 7. Verification requests to flag States<sup>20</sup>**

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:*

<b>Flag States<sup>21</sup></b>	<b>No of requests for verifications 2018</b>	<b>Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)-</b>	<b>No of requests for verifications 2019</b>	<b>Justifications (Articles 17.4 and 17.6 of the IUU Regulation)</b>
<i>TW</i>	1	17.4/17.6		
<i>CN</i>	1	17.4/17.6		
<i>GH</i>			1	17.4/17.6
<i>PA</i>			1	17.4/17.6
<i>NZ</i>			1	17.4/17.6
<i>MV</i>			1	17.4/17.6
<i>SC</i>			1	17.4/17.6
<i>ES</i>			1	17.4/17.6
<i>TH</i>			1	17.4/17.6
<i>US</i>	1	17.4/17.6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>7</b>	

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 .....

2019 .....SC.....

First Finnish authorities asked information about missing SMS data but didn't get answer. After the request it was realised that there is no signature information in SMS from Seychelles and thought that CC was ok.

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)?

*Roughly about once a week, e.g. Norway and Maldives. With Russian system we started in 2020.*

<sup>20</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>21</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

**Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)<sup>22</sup>**

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 <sup>23</sup>	No.	Flag State <sup>24</sup>	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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<sup>22</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>23</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>24</sup> 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: .....

<b>Section 9. Information on trade flows<sup>25</sup></b>
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9.1. Did your country note a change<sup>26</sup> of imports of fishery products since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2016-2017?

*Yes*                                       *No*

If yes, please detail: The information given here is based on data from catch certificates and processing statements received in Finland. Generally, however, most part of fish imported to Finland came without IUU documents, as the main importing countries for fish and fish products were Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Estonia, and the fish from Norway is mainly farmed salmon.

In light of catch certificates and processing statements imports of fish products into Finland for all species slightly increased during period 2018–2019 compared to the previous one.

In total, imports of skipjack into Finland have increased by 12% in kilograms, but the number of catch certificates has decreased by 13%. When comparing the previous period 2016-2017 with this period 2018-2019, a clear change can be observed with regard to the yellow card countries Ecuador and Vietnam. Imports from Ecuador have increased relatively a lot (catch certificates 131% and fish volumes 207%), the total volumes being 336 tonnes in 2018-2019. There were no imports of skipjack from Vietnam to Finland on the previous period, but during 2018-2019 there were imports of 354 tonnes (42 catch certificates).

For skipjack, imports have decreased by kilograms from Taiwan (-86%), Papua New Guinea (-46%), Panama (-66%), among others. For skipjack, imports have increased by kilograms from the Maldives (497%) and Korea (67%), for example. The biggest importing countries for skipjack in 2018-2019 were Maldives (3 000 tonnes), Seychelles (1 815 tonnes), Spain (1 700 tonnes) and France (1 689 tonnes).

Imports of yellowfin tuna have increased by 770% compared to the previous period, previously only from the Philippines, but during the past period imports have also been made from the USA, Ecuador, the Maldives, Papua New Guinea and Taiwan. The total volumes being 282 tonnes in 2018-2019.

For cod, the number of catch certificates has increased by 38%, but the number of kilograms has decreased by 54%, i.e. importers order cod in smaller batches.

Total imports of shrimps show an increase in both cc numbers (+ 54%) and shrimps in kg (+ 17%). Shrimps come to Finland from seven different countries, and imports from all countries have 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:

We don't see any difference at all between points 9.1. and 9.2., so please refer to the answer above.

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<sup>25</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>26</sup> 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.



**Section 10. Information on mutual assistance<sup>27</sup>**

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)*

*2018: 0*

*2019: 1*

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<sup>27</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

**Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries<sup>28</sup>**

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 nationals<sup>29</sup>**

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)?

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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*

<sup>28</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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If yes, please detail: .....

**Section 13. Infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)<sup>30</sup>**

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) <sup>31</sup>	Serious infringements detected in 2018:			Serious infringements detected in 2019:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Finland</i>	1	Art. 3.1.e	Case open	1	Art. 3.1.e	Case open
<i>Total</i>	1			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?

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) <sup>32</sup>	No of sighting reports issued in 2018	No of sighting reports issued in 2019
<i>Country 1</i>		
<i>Country 2</i>		
...		

<sup>30</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>31</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU) <sup>32</sup>	No of sighting reports issued in 2018	No of sighting reports issued in 2019
<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?

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

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**Section 15. Any other comments**

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