



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

**Reporting period 2020-2021 (deadline for submission 30 April 2022)**

<b>Member State:</b>	CYPRUS
<b>Organisation:</b>	Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR)
<b>Date:</b>	07/04/2022
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<b>May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to other Member States and the European Fisheries Control Agency?</b>	
<b>Yes:</b>	X
<b>Yes except for questions (list):</b>	
<b>No:</b>	

**Please check if your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation (Articles 15.2, 17.8 and 21.3) correspond with the latest version of the Official Journal:**

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**If not, please provide the updated notification to DG MARE through the Functional mailbox: MARE-NOTIFICATIONS-IUU-1005-2008@ec.europa.eu**

**Please state your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation in accordance with Article 39.4 (nationals):**

*DFMR*.....

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

Please transmit your national law and/or any administrative guides for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation). If available, please provide the link to the official national database.

[http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/dfmr/dfmr.nsf/All/2F6AD777C5660D6642257D5B0040CF11/\\$file/N.%20134\(I\)-2006.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/dfmr/dfmr.nsf/All/2F6AD777C5660D6642257D5B0040CF11/$file/N.%20134(I)-2006.pdf?OpenElement)

## Section 2. Information on administrative organisation<sup>2</sup>

2.1. Please provide information on your administrative organisation for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU Regulation), in particular as regards:

- port inspections (Chapter II);
- catch certification scheme (Chapter III).

*If different authorities/services are involved in the implementation of the IUU Regulation, please distinguish between:*

- *the control of direct landings of third country fishing vessels;*
- *validation of catch certificates upon exports;*
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports under direct landing;*
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, trucks);*
- *validation and verifications of re-exports.*

*In addition (if different authorities/services are involved), please explain and describe:*

a) *vertical co-operation (between local/regional authorities and head-quarter);*

Currently two District Offices are dealing with IUU. Limassol District Office deals with processed consignments arriving to Limassol port and Larnaca District Office that controls mostly fresh products that arrive to Larnaca airport. Both Offices have direct access to SMS system and perform physical and administrative verifications directly to the consignments that arrive to the designated port of entry of their jurisdiction. It is noted that the pre-mentioned District Offices keep the original documents (for a minimum period of three years) for easy reference and verification purposes. If assistance from the Head-quarter is needed then there is direct communication to the Officer in charge and all the documents concerned are send through the relevant email address where all the employees involved with the IUU procedures have access. The necessary communication with EU is done from the HQ with the input of District Offices, as for the communication with 3rd countries this is done mostly by the District Office concerned with the authorization of HQ.

b) *co-operation between different authorities and allocation of tasks for various authorities in the implementation of the IUU Regulation (Fisheries, Health, Customs, Coast Guard, Navy, etc.).*

There is direct cooperation with Custom Services and access to DFMR is allowed to SMS. If a consignment involves fishery products that follow within the scope of IUU Regulation then the products are held in Customs and are not released to the market unless a certified copy of the relevant Catch Certificate (sealed with the appropriate official DFMR seal and signed by

<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.

authorised DFMR personnel) is shown to the Custom Services. There is also cooperation regarding confiscation of products with Custom and Veterinary Services. Confiscated products usually are temporary held either to Custom or Veterinary Services storages.

Cooperation with other authorities is also achieved during export of Cyprus fishery products or at landing of fishery products from third country fishing vessels. Please find below a short summary of the three main procedures that require cooperation of various authorities in Cyprus:

### **Import of fisheries products**

A copy of the certified Catch Certificate and other necessary accompanying documents are submitted by the importer/clearance officer to the DFMR three working days prior to the estimated arrival date at the point of entry of the Member State (MS) (Limassol Port or Larnaca Airport), or at least 4 hours beforehand if it concerns imports of fresh fisheries products. The documents may be sent via email (fisheriescontrol@dfmr.moa.gov.cy) or fax (25 305543 for imports into Limassol Port and 24 304575 for Larnaca Airport). Also, when submitting documents for custom clearance of fishery products, the importer or clearance officer must notify the Inspector on duty on 99 489645 for imports into Larnaca Airport and on 99 486130 for imports into the Limassol Port.

Following the above procedure, and once the DFMR conducts an administrative inspection and decides that there is no reason to conduct verification inspections (physical check), the DFMR seals and signs the fishery catch document and hands it to the importer/clearance officer once the original fishery catch document is submitted to the District office, where it is filed and kept for a minimum period of three years. It is noted that a physical inspection is nearly always conducted when fresh fishery products are imported into Larnaca Airport.

If during a physical inspection it is decided that there is a need to verify information and identify the fishery products based on the declared information, the DFMR informs the importer/clearance officer and proceeds onsite to the entry points and conducts the physical inspection. In this instance and following the completion of the inspection, the Inspector writes down his/her decision and seals and signs a copy of the fishery catch document, while keeping the original. It is noted that a physical inspection is always conducted when the catch certificate and other necessary documents are not submitted in the required time period.

If the catch certificate or other required documents are missing relevant information based on the Regulation, or the original documents are not submitted, the DFMR will hold the fishery products in storage (refrigerators/freezers) and will only release them to the importer once all the required information based on the Regulation is received within 15 days. During the verification period, the flag state may be asked to demand an additional extension of 15 days in case it is unable to respond in the designated time period. The storage facility must be under the supervision of the competent Authority. The importer/clearance officer shall bare the financial cost for storage.

Upon refusal to import in accordance to the Regulation, the DFMR shall confiscate the fishery products and proceed with the necessary actions, based on the requirements of the “National Law No 134(I)/2006 for the Application of Community Decisions and Community Regulations that concern the Fisheries Sector of 2006 was reformed with the addition of Law N 183 (I)/2013”.

It is noted that Cyprus has only one customs body and the transit of fishery products is not applicable. As of this, Article 19(2) does not apply for Cyprus.

### **Landing of fishery products from third country fishing vessels**

The captains of third country fishing vessels submit to the member state (Cyprus) before landing or transshipment procedures (4 hours earlier) if possible, the pre-notification document on which the landing or transshipment fishery product quantities are described, by species, as well as with the date and location of catches.

For a third country flag vessel to dock in the Limassol port, the Ports Authority must be first notified of the vessels' intentions, and the Port Authority shall notify in turn the DFMR as the competent Authority to enforce the Regulation, which in turn shall check if the specific vessel is not an IUU vessel, and hence give directions to the Port Authority as to whether to allow the docking of the vessel or otherwise.

For fishery products caught from third country vessels and landed at European Union ports, a verified fishery catch document must accompany the products.

The competent authorities of the Member State (Cyprus) keep the original or copies in the case of pre-notifications submitted electronically, as well as verified fishery catch documents for a minimum period of three years.

The DFMR is responsible for communicating to the Committee the quantities landed and/or transhipped from third country vessels in its ports every trimester.

### Export of fishery products caught by Cyprus fishing vessels to third countries

For the export of any fishery product that was caught by Cypriot fishing vessels to a third country that requires the provision of the relevant fishery catch document, the DFMR as the competent Authority must provide and certify the document. The DFMR must certify the legality of the fishery products and certify all information on the document. Following this, the DFMR communicates with the Veterinary Services and Customs for the provision of the necessary accompanying documents and the realisation of the inspections and export of the products. The DFMR keeps a copy of the fishery catch document.

The DFMR as the competent Authority for the implementation of the Regulation ensures that all the provisions of the Regulation are met to allow for its smooth implementation as of January 2012, since the Regulation was set into practice.

#### 2.2. 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):*

- *for checks and verifications in accordance with Articles 16 and 17;*
- *for validation of catch certificates and re-export certificates in accordance with Articles 15.2 and 21.3.*

2 Officers (0.1FTE), one at head-quarters and one at District Office, and 10 Inspectors (1.5 FTE) at two District Offices. Regarding the checks and verifications in accordance with Articles 16 and 17 those are carried out by the Inspectors at the District Offices.

None of the above-mentioned employees is fulltime involved with the implementation of Catch Certificates and the IUU Regulation in general.

#### 2.3. Does your country have freezones/freeports<sup>3</sup> in which activities relevant to importation/exportation/processing of fishery products are authorised?

*Yes*                       *No*

*If yes, please provide a list of such zones/ports.*

<b>Section 3. Information on access to ports, including for direct landings and transhipments of fishery products, by third country fishing vessels<sup>4</sup> (and information on related port inspections and confirmed infringements)<sup>5</sup></b>
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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.

3.1. Does your country have designated ports for access to port services or direct landings or transshipment of fishery products by third country fishing vessels (Article 5 of the IUU Regulation<sup>6</sup>)?

Yes  No

If yes, please check if your list of designated ports in accordance with Article 5.3 corresponds to the latest version of the Office Journal:

[EUR-Lex - 52021XC1201\(03\) - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

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3.2. In years 2020 and 2021 respectively, how many times have third country fishing vessels been granted authorisation to access designated ports in your country only for repair/maintenance/supply?<sup>7</sup>

Zero (0)

3.3. How many landings and transshipments in designated ports by third country fishing vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? How many inspections did your country carry out and how many infringements have been detected?

Please fill-in the table below (2020):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2020)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2020)	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%					N/A
		Number of infringements	3					N/A
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports	2					0
		Number of inspections	0					0
		% of inspections / transshipments	0					N/A

<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.).

<sup>7</sup> It is reminded that provisions of Chapter II apply to third country fishing vessels aiming to access EU ports for port services, even in cases they do not carry fishery products on board and therefore no landing or transshipment operation is foreseen. Only designated ports in accordance with Article 5 can be used in this context.

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

		Number of infringements	0					N/A
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Please fill-in the table below (2021):

Inspections of third country vessels in Member States ports (2021)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2021)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) <sup>9</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%					N/A
		Number of infringements	3					N/A
Transhipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports	2					0
		Number of inspections	2					0
		% of inspections / transhipments	100%					N/A
		Number of infringements	0					N/A

3.4. From the figures above, in the cases where your country detected infringements concerning third country vessels, please specify for each infringement the flag, the vessel's name, the type of infringement and the measures taken / sanction imposed (Article 11 of the IUU Regulation).

Please fill-in the table below (2020): *N/A*

Flag of the third country vessel <sup>10</sup>	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			
FS2			
...			
FSx			

Please fill-in the table below (2021): *N/A*

Flag of the third country vessel <sup>11</sup>	Name of the third country fishing vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FS1			

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

<sup>10</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>11</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

FS2			
...			
FSx			

3.5. Please provide:

- the quantities of fish landed by third countries' fishing vessels in your designated ports in 2020 and 2021, respectively (by species and flag of the vessels);
- the quantities of fish transhipped from third countries' fishing donor vessels (to third countries or EU fishing receiving vessels) in your designated ports in 2020 and 2021, respectively (by species and flag of the vessels):

Please fill-in the table below (landings): *N/A*

Landings in 2020		Landings in 2021	
Flag of the third country vessel <sup>12</sup>	Landed quantities by species	Flag of the third country vessel <sup>13</sup>	Landed quantities by species
FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
...	...	...	...
FSx	...	FSx	...

Please fill-in the table below (transhipments): *N/A*

Transhipments in 2020		Transhipments in 2021	
Flag of the third country vessel <sup>14</sup>	Transhipped quantities by species	Flag of the third country vessel <sup>15</sup>	Transhipped quantities by species
FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS1	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:

<sup>12</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

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

<sup>15</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.



FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:	FS2	Species 1: Species 2: Species x:
...	...	...	...
FSx	...	FSx	...

3.6. Has your country recorded any case of non-compliance by third country fishing vessels with the provisions of Articles 6 (prior notice) and 7 (authorisation) of the IUU Regulation?

Yes  No

If yes, please detail the nature of the infringement and the measures taken / sanctions applied:

In 2020: .....

In 2021: .....

3.7. Since January 2020, has your country denied access to its ports to a fishing vessel for port services, landing or transhipment of fishery products based on the conditions of the IUU Regulation?

Yes  No

If yes, please describe the case for each vessel concerned (please include the flag of the vessel and its name) and detail the reasons for the denial:

In 2020: .....

In 2021: .....

3.8. Do you have cases of third country fishing vessels landing in your ports with the landed products destined to another Member State? [Article 19.3 of the IUU Regulation]

Yes  No

If yes, please indicate the number of landings meant for transit:

In 2020: .....

In 2021: .....

3.9. In order to identify the vessels to be subject to port inspection, do you 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, in order to reach the objective of 5% of landing and transhipment operations as set in Article 9.1 of the IUU Regulation, which benchmarks you use and rank them:  
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**Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation for the purpose of the IUU Regulation<sup>16</sup>**

4.1. How many catch certificates from non-EU countries were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? Please complete the following table by flag State validating the catch certificates, including in cases catch certificates are accompanied by processing statements.<sup>17</sup>

<b>Flag State (non-EU)<sup>18</sup></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<i>TH</i>	22	23
<i>CH</i>	68	54
<i>IN</i>	60	66
<i>VN</i>	17	24
<i>NO</i>	2	101
<i>NZ</i>	87	67
<i>ID</i>	111	42
<i>PH</i>	48	36
<i>ZA</i>	9	18
<i>SC</i>	5	7
<i>MA</i>	24	18
<i>SN</i>	106	186
<i>MY</i>	2	0
<i>TN</i>	1	2
<i>USA</i>	21	16
<i>TW</i>	3	0
<i>RU</i>	10	461
<i>LK</i>	8	0
<i>EC</i>	1	2
<i>PE</i>	3	5
<i>MR</i>	4	2
<i>MU</i>	5	4
<i>KR</i>	3	3
<i>SB</i>	1	1
<i>CL</i>	2	2
<i>EG</i>	0	1

<sup>16</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>17</sup> If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

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

<b>Flag State (non-EU)<sup>18</sup></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<i>MM</i>	0	1
<i>GB</i>	0	28
<i>IS</i>	0	116
<i>PA</i>	0	2
<i>GL</i>	0	1
<i>BS</i>	0	1
<i>CA</i>	14	2
<i>MV</i>	23	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1335</b>

4.2. From the number above, how many recognised RFMO catch certificates (Annex V to Commission Regulation 1010/2009) accompanied consignments destined to your country? *Please detail per RFMO certificate and year.*

<b>RFMO document</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<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>

4.3. How many catch certificates from EU Member States (including from your country) were presented to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

<b>Flag State (EU)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<i>SP</i>	17	20
<i>FR</i>	17	30
<i>IT</i>	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>54</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.*

<b>RFMO document</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<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. How many processing statements (Article 14.2) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? Please provide details per year and per processing country.

<b>Processing non-EU State<sup>19</sup></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<i>TH</i>	18	23
<i>CH</i>	19	21
<i>NZ</i>	2	12
<i>MY</i>	2	2
<i>SA</i>	0	56
<i>SC</i>	5	6
<i>EC</i>	2	1
<i>GB</i>	36	0
<i>PH</i>	12	0
<i>Total</i>	<b>96</b>	<b>121</b>

4.6. Please indicate if you retain and record the information contained in processing statements referring to the corresponding catch certificates (quantity management):

*Yes*                       *No*

*Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of processing statements received from non-EU countries in 2020-2021)*

4.7. Has your country received requests to authorise APEOs<sup>20</sup> in 2020-2021?

*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 APEOs in 2020-2021?

*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 2020 until 31 December 2021?

<sup>19</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>20</sup> Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

*Yes*                       *No*

If yes, how many re-export certificates? Please detail per year and, if possible, per destination country:

<b>Destination country (non-EU)<sup>21</sup></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<i>Third Country 1</i>		
<i>Third Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Third Country x</i>		
<b>Total</b>		

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 2020-2021)*

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?

*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*

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

**Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation<sup>22</sup>**

5.1. Have you 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 2020-2021)*

If yes, please explain briefly the established procedure and answer questions 5.2 to 5.5.

For the export of any fishery product that was caught by Cypriot fishing vessels to a third country that requires the provision of the relevant fishery catch document, the DFMR as the competent Authority must provide and certify the document. The DFMR must certify the legality of the fishery products and certify all information on the document. Following this, the DFMR communicates with the Veterinary Services and Customs for the provision of the necessary accompanying documents and the realisation of the inspections and export of the products. The DFMR keeps a copy of the fishery catch document.

The DFMR as the competent Authority for the implementation of the Regulation ensures that all the provisions of the Regulation are met to allow for its smooth implementation as of January 2012, since the Regulation was set into practice.

5.2. Have you validated catch certificates for exportation in 2020-2021 in accordance with Article 15?

*Yes*  *No*

If yes, how many catch certificates did you validate from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021? Please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

Destination State <sup>23</sup>	Year	
	2020	2021
<i>Third Country 1</i>		
<i>Third Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Third Country x</i>		
Total		

5.3. Have you established any IT tool to monitor the catch certificates you have validated for fish caught by your own vessels?

*Yes*  *No*

5.4. Do you monitor that the catches for which you have validated catch certificates actually leave the EU?

*Yes*  *No*

*Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2020-2021)*

<sup>22</sup> Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

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

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2021?

Yes  No

*Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2020-2021)*

If yes, please detail:

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

*Reason:* .....

*Follow-up:* .....

<b>Section 6. Information on checks and verifications of catch certificates and related documents according to Articles 16.1 and 17.1-5 of IUU Regulation<sup>24</sup></b>
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6.1. Has your country established a procedure for checks of catch certificates in accordance with Article 16.1?

Yes  No

If yes, please detail:

*If any information is missing from the catch certificate or the information listed is suspicious (eg. simplified CC vs landed quantities) then DFMR will conduct the competent authority of the flagged country and verifications will be requested. Furthermore, verification is launched in the case where systematic irregularities are detected from particular third countries.*

*If during the investigation procedure the consignment arrives to the designated port of Cyprus, the DFMR will hold the fishery products in storage (refrigerators/freezers) and will only release them to the importer once all the required information based on the Regulation is received within 15 days. During the verification period and if requested by the flag state, an additional extension of 15 days could be approved. If the reply of the flag state authorities is not satisfactory a further enquiry from DFMR might follow. Again a 15-day period is given to the flag state authorities to provide all the required information based on the Regulation. During the verification procedures the storage facility is under the supervision of the competent Authority and the importer/clearance officer is bearing the financial cost for storage.*

6.2. Do you check all catch certificates in light of the information provided in the notifications received from the flag States in accordance with Article 20 (i.e. if all required data are provided in a catch certificate and if these data correspond to the notification from the flag State in question)?

Yes  No

If no, please provide the following:

- risks identified in 2020 and 2021 on the basis of risk management used (i.e. for risk-based targeting of catch certificates to be checked); and
- number of catch certificates checked, respectively:

*Please fill-in the table below:*

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<sup>24</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Flag State (EU or non-EU) <sup>25</sup>	2020		2021	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>checked</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>checked</u>
<i>TH</i>	22	22	23	23
<i>CH</i>	68	68	54	54
<i>IN</i>	60	60	66	66
<i>VN</i>	17	17	24	24
<i>NO</i>	2	2	101	101
<i>NZ</i>	87	87	67	67
<i>ID</i>	111	111	42	42
<i>PH</i>	48	48	36	36
<i>SA</i>	9	9	18	18
<i>SC</i>	5	5	7	7
<i>MA</i>	24	24	18	18
<i>SN</i>	106	106	186	186
<i>MY</i>	2	2	0	0
<i>TN</i>	1	1	2	2
<i>US</i>	21	21	16	16
<i>TW</i>	3	3	0	0
<i>RU</i>	10	10	461	461
<i>LK</i>	8	8	0	0
<i>EC</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>PE</i>	3	3	5	5
<i>MR</i>	4	4	2	2
<i>MU</i>	5	5	4	4
<i>KR</i>	3	3	3	3
<i>SB</i>	1	1	1	1

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<i>CL</i>	2	2	2	2
<i>MM</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>GB</i>	0	0	28	28
<i>IS</i>	0	0	116	116
<i>PA</i>	0	0	2	2
<i>GL</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>BS</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>CA</i>	14	14	2	2
<i>EC</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>MV</i>	23	23	43	43
<i>EG</i>	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>1335</b>

What do you check in catch certificates in accordance with Article 16.1? Please describe:

*All Catch Certificates are checked for their context and accompany documents submission as well, as their submission time (if is not within the minimum requirement time frame). The relevant seals of the flag state countries and if applicable the signatures as well. It is also checked if there are any conservation measures and if those have been taken into consideration. The relevant fishing vessels are also under investigation regarding possible IUU activities (listed in the IUU lists). A crosscheck of all accompanies documents (CC, bill of lading, health certificate, container number, transport details, Annex IV, re-export C etc) is always done and if necessary physical inspection is also proposed.*

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: .....

6.3. Do you verify all catch certificates linked to consignments of fishery products intended for importation into the EU or do you verify only part of the catch certificates by applying (or not) risk management?

- All     Only part by applying risk management  
 Only part without applying risk management       No verifications

6.4. If you apply risk management to verifications (Article 17.3), do you use Union (Article 31 of Commission Regulation (EC) 1010/2009) or national criteria for identification of risks on which verifications shall focus?

- Union criteria                                       National criteria

If you apply Union criteria, please detail the methodology used (and which criteria are used always/regularly, often, occasionally, never): .....

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If you apply national criteria, please detail them and the methodology used: .....

.....

6.5. Please provide information on the risks identified in 2020 and 2021 respectively (Article 32 of Commission Regulation (EC) 1010/2009) on the basis of the criteria used. Please also provide information on whether all consignments identified as risky have been covered by verifications. If this is not the case, please specify the percentage of consignments identified as risky that have been covered by verifications and the reasons of such situation.

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6.6. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? Please specify, separately for each year:

Flag State (EU or non-EU) <sup>26</sup>	2020		2021	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>
<i>TH</i>	22	0	23	0
<i>CH</i>	68	0	54	0
<i>IN</i>	60	0	66	0
<i>VN</i>	17	0	24	0
<i>NO</i>	2	0	101	0
<i>NZ</i>	87	19	67	49
<i>ID</i>	111	0	42	0
<i>PH</i>	48	0	36	1
<i>SA</i>	9	0	18	0
<i>SC</i>	5	0	7	2
<i>MA</i>	24	0	18	0
<i>SN</i>	106	42	186	132
<i>MY</i>	2	0	0	0
<i>TN</i>	1	0	2	0

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Flag State (EU or non-EU) <sup>26</sup>	2020		2021	
	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>	Overall number of catch certificates received	Number of catch certificates <u>verified</u>
<i>US</i>	21	3	16	0
<i>TW</i>	3	0	0	0
<i>RU</i>	10	0	461	0
<i>LK</i>	8	0	0	0
<i>EC</i>	1	0	1	0
<i>PE</i>	3	0	5	0
<i>MR</i>	4	2	2	0
<i>MU</i>	5	0	4	0
<i>KR</i>	3	0	3	0
<i>SB</i>	1	0	1	0
<i>CL</i>	2	0	2	0
<i>MM</i>	0	0	1	0
<i>GB</i>	0	0	28	7
<i>IS</i>	0	0	116	0
<i>PA</i>	0	0	2	0
<i>GL</i>	0	0	1	0
<i>BS</i>	0	0	1	0
<i>CA</i>	14	5	2	0
<i>EC</i>	0	0	1	0
<i>MV</i>	23	8	43	22
<i>EG</i>	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>213</b>

Please reply to the following questions:

- How many catch certificates have you verified in the context of the application of Article 17.4? *eight (8)*

- How many catch certificates have you verified on the basis of risk identified in accordance with Article 17.3? *N/A*
- How many catch certificates have been verified at random (Article 17.5)? *two hundred eighty-four (284)*

6.7. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

Yes  No

If yes, please detail:

*Number (per year) and percentage in relation to all verifications made: according to table 6.6*

*2220: 79 verifications out of 660 catch certificates received (12%)*

*2221: 213 verifications out of 1335 catch certificates received (16%)*

*Method of selection: Submission time (if is not within the minimum requirement time frame), new exported flag state country, suspected country (according to the information from the Commission), most of the consignments that arrive to Larnaca airport (fresh products) are subject to physical verification and control according to the DFMR's control and procedures.*

## Section 7. Assistance requests to third countries<sup>27</sup>

7.1. Have you sent assistance requests for verifications under Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation to other flag States' authorities in 2020-2021?

Yes  No

If yes, how many assistance requests for verifications? *Note: please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021:*

Flag States <sup>28</sup>	No of assistance requests for verifications 2020	Justification	No of assistance requests for verifications 2021	Justification
<i>CH</i>	1	Chile seal slightly different than in SMS	0	
<i>IT</i>	1	Chile seal slightly different than in SMS	0	
<i>SA</i>	1	electronic system no access – ok verified	0	
<i>US</i>	1	CC in system looked invalid. All good verified	0	
<i>NZ</i>	1	No scientific name on the CC	0	
<i>GB</i>	0		1	processing statement verification
Total	5		1	

7.2. How many assistance requests for verification were not replied to by the other flag States' authorities within the deadline provided in Article 17.6 of the IUU Regulation? In these cases, do you send a reminder to the authorities of the country in question? Could you please specify when

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the assistance request, despite reminder(s), remained unanswered? What measures have you taken in that case (i.e. denial of importation) [Please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021]

2020 0.....

2021 0.....

- 7.3. Was the quality of the answers provided overall sufficient to satisfy the assistance request? If no, please explain why the quality was not sufficient, and the measures you have taken in such case(s). [Yes](#)
- 7.4. Have you sent assistance requests to other countries than the flag State? If yes, please specify the number, the reasons and the countries concerned, and the quality of the feedback provided. [No](#)
- 7.5. Have you been using IT systems developed by third countries allowing for a full or partial verification of catch certificates and how many verifications were made through these systems (approximately)? [Around 420](#)

**Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)<sup>29</sup>**

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? *Note: please only consider refusals based on the IUU Regulation, not for other reasons e.g. Food Safety legislation, Customs legislation, etc.*

Yes  No

If yes, please provide details in the table below:

Reason for refusal of importation	2020		2021	
	Flag State <sup>30</sup>	No.	Flag State <sup>31</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 EU 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 in relation to the consignments refused (Article 18.3)?

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8.3. In case of refusal of importation, did any operator contest the decision of the authorities of your country?

Yes  No

If yes, please detail: .....

**Section 9. Information on trade flows<sup>32</sup>**

Please provide information, based on your statistical data, concerning any important change of trade patterns in imports of fishery products into your country since the last reporting period covering 2018-2019: .....

**Section 10. Information on mutual assistance<sup>33</sup>**

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2018-2019, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission (DG MARE B4) has your country replied to?

*Please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021 (if any)*

2020.....2.....

2021.....2.....

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2018-2019, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

*Please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021 (if any)*

2020.....No.....

2021.....No.....

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**Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries<sup>34</sup>**

Apart from assistance requests in the context of verifications of catch certificates and accompanying documents foreseen under the catch certification scheme (Article 17.6), has your country had other exchanges with third countries on issues related to the implementation of the IUU Regulation, such as follow-up of cases concerning nationals, trade flows, operators, private fishing licencing, re-flagging operations, investigations of cases of IUU fishing (Article 42) and investigations of criminal activities associated to IUU fishing?

Yes

No

If yes, please detail (please provide separate data for 2020 and 2021, if any).

*In 2021 FMC sighting reports have been send to Turkish fisheries authorities regarding IUU activities of Turkish fishing vessels (see table below)*

05/06/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3714576</a>		ICCAT GFCM
02/06/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3636985</a>		ICCAT
31/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3594235</a>		GFCM
31/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3561021</a>		ICCAT
27/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3508728</a>		ICCAT
26/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3480568</a>		GFCM
26/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3480491</a>		ICCAT GFCM
26/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3465598</a> <a href="#">Ares(2021)3466186</a>		GFCM
26/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3466123</a>		ICCAT GFCM
25/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3465556</a>		GFCM
21/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3447925</a>		ICCAT

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21/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3395202</a>		GFCM
20/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3393307</a> <a href="#">Ares(2021)3374134</a>		GFCM
19/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3393239</a> <a href="#">Ares(2021)3351789</a>		
19/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3393134</a> <a href="#">Ares(2021)3351530</a>		ICCAT GFCM
17/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3276354</a> <a href="#">Ares(2021)3299406</a>		ICCAT, GFCM
12/05/2021	<a href="#">Ares(2021)3239983</a>		GFCM

### Section 12. Information on nationals<sup>35</sup>

For the reporting period in question, a separate call for information on nationals supporting/engaging in IUU fishing activities has been sent to the Single Liaison Offices of Member States and EFCA as part of a study on the implementation of Articles 39 and 40 of the IUU Regulation. As a result, this section of the biennial reports will be replaced for this reporting period by the more specialised call for data for the abovementioned study.

Member States are kindly asked to provide their input to the external consultant in charge of the study. The Commission will evaluate the responses of Member States and include them in its overall assessment of the biennial reports.

### Section 13. Infractions (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation) and Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)<sup>36</sup>

13.1. Has your country detected serious infractions as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

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) <sup>37</sup>	Serious infractions detected in 2020:			Serious infractions detected in 2021:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Turkey</i>				<i>See point 11 above</i>	<i>Fishing in EU waters without authorization</i>	<i>Vessels were sighted through FMC sighting reports and send to FLAG state for action</i>

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Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) <sup>37</sup>	Serious infringements detected in 2020:			Serious infringements detected in 2021:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Total</i>						

13.2. Has your country applied or adapted its levels of administrative sanctions in accordance with Article 44?

Yes  No

If yes, please detail: .....

Have you used criminal sanctions? If yes, please specify if in addition to or in replacement of administrative sanctions: .....

13.3. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

Yes  No

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

Flag State of the sighted vessel (EU and non-EU) <sup>38</sup>	No of sighting reports issued in 2020	No of sighting reports issued in 2021
Turkey		17 reports (11 reports involving more than 1 vessel per report). Please refer to section 11.
<i>Total</i>		<i>17</i>

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13.4. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2018-2019, has your country received any sighting reports for vessels flying its own flag 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. During the reporting period 2020-2021, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

*Illegal activities of Turkish vessels within the Cyprus EEZ have been the biggest Issue for which we could not take remedial measures due to the actions of Turkey. In relation to catch certification scheme, definitely the Brexit caused a lot difficulties and additional burden to the Department as there were a lot of consignments linked directly or indirectly to the Great Britain, as well as a some of the consignments contained products that were caught before the Brexit. There was confusion at the beginning as new importers/exporters have been involved.*

**Section 15.    Any other comment**

*Regarding the measures on nationals, it is recognized that this is a difficult task. However, actions are made with cooperation to other Authorities to facilitate the identification of nationals that are possibly involved with IUU activities. Until now no Cypriot nationals have been identified to be involved with IUU activities. In any case we would appreciate your assistance regarding this particular task with possible good practices that other Member states have in place. We have passed all information regarding the difficulties for this provision to the experts that are conducting the study.*

*We anticipate for the practice of the common IUU database - the electronic form of the catch certificate could make the job easier.*

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