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**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>	Czech Republic
<b>Organisation:</b>	General Directorate of Customs, Ministry of Agriculture
<b>Date:</b>	
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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:**

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021XC0215\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021XC0215(01))

**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):**

Ministry of Agriculture

## 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.

Act No. 61/2000 Coll., on Maritime Navigation, as amended. The Czech version can be found here: <https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2000-61/zneni-20220201>.

Act No 99/2004 Coll. on Fisheries, the Exercise of Fishing Rights, Fishing Guards, the Protection of Marine Fishing Resources and the Amendment of Certain Acts (Act on Fisheries), as amended. The Czech version can be found here: <https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2004-99>.

Act No 40/2009 Coll., Criminal Code, as amended. The Czech version of the Act can be found here: <https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2009-40>.

Act No. 418/2011 Coll. on Criminal Liability of Legal Persons and Proceedings against them, as amended. The Czech version of the Act can be found here: <https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2011-418>.

Administrative guidelines No. 34/2017 on the implementation of common fisheries policy regarding import or export of marine fishery products (an electronic copy will be transmitted).

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## 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);*

<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.

There are 15 regional customs offices which are designated to conduct checks and verifications of catch certificates submitted for this purpose by importers or exporters. If doubts as to the validity or correctness of data provided in the catch certificate arise during the verification, the findings are reported to the central office, the General Directorate of Customs. This information is assessed by the central office and, if necessary, a request for assistance is sent to a third country. The outcome of the request for assistance is reported back to the customs office and based on the information provided in the reply the importation is either authorised or denied.

- 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.).*

The Ministry of Agriculture is the designated authority to implement Chapter VIII regarding nationals and to impose sanctions laid down in Chapter IX of the Commission Regulation No 1005/2008.

## 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;*  
2,5 FTE
- *for validation of catch certificates and re-export certificates in accordance with Articles 15.2 and 21.3.*

...0,1FTE.....

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## 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.*

[Svobodná celní pásma povolená v ČR akt k 1 6 2020.pdf \(celnisprava.cz\)](#)

### **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>**

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

*Yes*                       *No*

<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.).

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 \(europa.eu\)](#)

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

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>

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					
		Number of inspections	10					
		% of inspections / landings	10%					
		Number of infringements	3					
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports	2					
		Number of inspections	0					
		% of inspections / transshipments	0					
		Number of infringements	0					

<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.

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					
		Number of inspections	10					
		% of inspections / landings	10%					
		Number of infringements	3					
Transshipments	Non-EU vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports	2					
		Number of inspections	2					
		% of inspections / transshipments	100%					
		Number of infringements	0					

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):

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):

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):*

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):*

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<sup>17</sup> 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>18</sup> Please only provide information on catch certificates accompanying the consignments to be imported in your country; for consignments meant for transit to another Member State (Article 19.1 of the IUU Regulation), please see the question 4.7. of this questionnaire.

<b>Flag State (non-EU)<sup>19</sup></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
PA	59	25
AR	9	6
CA	12	20
CL	1	3
CN	20	23
EC	101	68
GB	-	10
GH	3	2
GL	-	4
ID	9	28
IN	9	4
IS	-	133
KR	6	16
LK	14	1
MA	161	105
MV	-	23
MU	1	-
NA	-	1
NI	-	1
NO	5	30
NZ	-	1
PE	4	4
PG	3	1
PH	45	48

<sup>16</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States.

<sup>17</sup> Please provide only the number of catch certificates i.e. not the number of all transactions (imports/declarations) where the same certificates have been (re)used.

<sup>18</sup> If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

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



Flag State (non-EU) <sup>19</sup>	2020	2021
RU	123	207
SB	-	1
SC	3	-
SV	33	1
TW	1	3
US	249	264
VN	35	39
ZA	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1075</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.*

RFMO document	2020	2021
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	-	-
<i>Dissostichus spp. (CCAMLR)</i>	-	-
<i>CCSBT CDS</i>	-	-
<b>Total</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?

Flag State (EU)	2020	2021
ES	108	51
FR	6	16
NL	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>69</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	2020	2021
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	-	-

RFMO document	2020	2021
<i>Dissostichus spp.</i> (CCAMLR)	-	-
CCSBT CDS	-	-
<b>Total</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.

Processing non-EU State <sup>20</sup>	2020	2021
PA	-	1
CN	33	32
CO	-	3
EC	176	56
GB	-	226
KR	5	7
MA	11	7
MU	-	60
PH	1	-
SC	1	-
TH	1	-
VN	9	16
<b>Total</b>	237	408

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. Do you have cases where third country fishery products arriving to your country (entry point) were destined to another Member State? [Article 19.1 of the IUU Regulation]

Yes  No

If yes, please indicate the number consignments meant for transit:

In 2020: .....

<sup>20</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

In 2021: .....

4.8. Has your country received requests to authorise APEOs<sup>21</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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4.9. 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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4.10. Has your country validated re-export certificates for products imported from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021?

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>22</sup></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
ME	0	2
XS	3	5
<b>Total</b>	3	7

4.11. 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:

The movement of the goods is monitored by the EU nationwide customs system called Export Control System.

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<sup>21</sup> Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) 1010/2009, Chapter II

<sup>22</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

4.12. 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*

4.13. 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*

**Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation<sup>23</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.

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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>24, 25</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)*

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

Yes  No

<sup>23</sup> Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

<sup>24</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<sup>25</sup> It is recommended that the validation of a catch certificate for exportation takes place when the country of destination is known.

*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:* .....

**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>26</sup>**

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: .....

Customs officers in charge of catch certificate verifications have to check whether the authority which has validated the catch certificate is the competent authority notified to the Commission, if the catch certificate form corresponds to the notified specimen and then the authenticity of stamps and signatures is verified.

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:*

Flag State (EU or non-EU) <sup>27</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>Country 1</i>				
<i>Country 2</i>				
...				

<sup>26</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>27</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

<i>Country x</i>				
Total				

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

Customs officers in charge of catch certificate verifications have to check whether the authority which has validated the catch certificate is the competent authority notified to the Commission, if the catch certificate form corresponds to the notified specimen and then the authenticity of stamps and signatures is verified.

6.3. 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 verification of catch certificates includes the following steps. The data of the catch certificate is cross-checked with the data provided in the accompanying documents (invoice, veterinary certificate, transport documents). The customs officers also have to check whether the data entered in the catch certificate follow a chronological order. Furthermore, the compliance with various RFMO's rules is verified (inclusion on the RFMO vessel list, rules pertaining to transshipment, closure periods etc.). If a third country is pre-identified, a special attention is paid to the issues raised in the decision on pre-identification. As of 2021, the advantage has been taking of the availability of vessel tracking tool, the IMS system. The IMS system is used if doubts arise about the vessel position during the fishing trip mentioned in the catch certificate.

The physical inspection of the means of transport is not part of the verification procedure but if deemed necessary it can be carried out at a later stage when the goods are presented for customs clearance.

To make the verification process more effective a simple application called Risk Areas has been created. The risk information relevant to the catch certificate verification is entered into the application (information on pre-identification, mutual assistance letters, some RFMO's rules, IUU vessel list) which can be easily accessed by keying in the vessel's name, flag state, species, etc. in the respective search fields. Customs officers are obliged to use this tool every time they carry out the catch certificate verification.

If the verification reveals inconsistencies or discrepancies which cannot be resolved a request for assistance to a flag state or a third country concerned is launched and the importation is suspended pending the outcome of the verification.

6.4. 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*

6.5. 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: .....

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6.6. 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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6.7. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021? Please specify, separately for each year:

All catch certificates are verified.

Flag State (EU or non-EU) <sup>28</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>Country 1</i>				
<i>Country 2</i>				
...				
<i>Country x</i>				
Total				

Please reply to the following questions:

- How many catch certificates have you verified in the context of the application of Article 17.4?
- How many catch certificates have you verified on the basis of risk identified in accordance with Article 17.3?
- How many catch certificates have been verified at random (Article 17.5)?

6.8. Does your country also physically verify the consignments?

*Yes*

*No*

<sup>28</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.



The physical examination is not part of the verification procedure, nevertheless the consignment can be physically examined at the time of customs clearance.

If yes, please detail:

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

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*Method of selection:* .....

**Section 7. Assistance requests to third countries<sup>29</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:*

<b>Flag States<sup>30</sup></b>	<b>No of assistance requests for verifications 2020</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>No of assistance requests for verifications 2021</b>	<b>Justification</b>
PG	1	No fishing authorisation. Vessel not included in the WCPFC vessel list.	-	
EC	1	Doubts over the compliance with IATTC measures.	-	
PA	2	Doubts over the compliance with IATTC measures.	1	It transpired that the fishing activities were carried out in EEZ of coastal states, but this was not mentioned in the catch certificate.
LK	1	Inconsistencies in relation to the catch dates.	-	
IS	-		1	The weight in the catch certificate did not correspond to the weight recorded on Fiskistofa website.
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>2</b>	

<sup>29</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>30</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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 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 .....2

2021 .....0

A reminder was sent and following the reminder the authorities provided a satisfactory reply.

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, the quality of the answers provided was deemed satisfactory.

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.

A request for assistance was sent to the authorities of China because there were some doubts about the authenticity of the processing statement. The reply provided was satisfactory.

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)?

Where available these IT systems were used. Approximately 700 verifications were undertaken through these IT systems.

**Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)<sup>31</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>32</sup>	No.	Flag State <sup>33</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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<sup>31</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>32</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

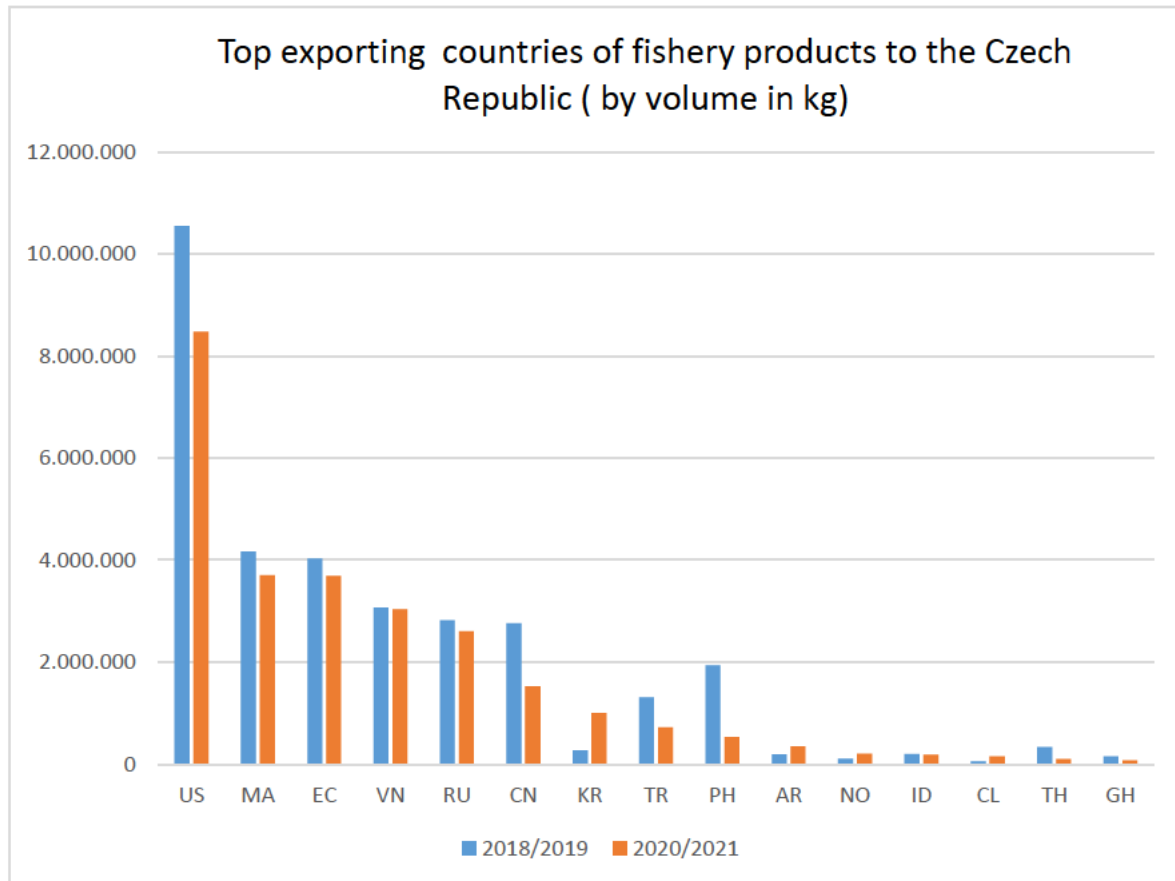
Yes  No

If yes, please detail: .....

**Section 9. Information on trade flows<sup>34</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: .....

The majority of fishery products imported to the Czech Republic in the period 2020-2021 originated in countries such as United States, Morocco, Ecuador, Vietnam, Russia, China, South Korea and Turkey. In comparison with the previous reporting period, the top five exporting countries remained the same. There was a noticeable decline in imports from the United States, China, Turkey and the Philippines, whereas imports from South Korea significantly increased.



<sup>34</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

**Section 10. Information on mutual assistance<sup>35</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?<sup>36</sup>

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

2020.....5

2021.....6

The mutual assistance messages which were not relevant for the Czech were not replied to.

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.....0

2021.....0

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<sup>35</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

<sup>36</sup> Please provide the number of all replies, regardless of their content i.e. including replies which, for example, only confirmed that the request was not relevant for your country. Then please specify the number of cases where you took action and describe the actions taken.

**Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries<sup>37</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).

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**Section 12. Information on nationals<sup>38</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>39</sup>**

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements 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 infringements, nature and sanctions applied:

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) <sup>40</sup>	Serious infringements detected in 2020:			Serious infringements detected in 2021:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Country 1</i>						
<i>Country 2</i>						

<sup>37</sup> Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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<sup>40</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State of the vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) <sup>40</sup>	Serious infringements detected in 2020:			Serious infringements detected in 2021:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
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<i>Country x</i>						
<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>41</sup>	No of sighting reports issued in 2020	No of sighting reports issued in 2021
<i>Country 1</i>		
<i>Country 2</i>		
...		
<i>Country x</i>		
<i>Total</i>		

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).

<sup>41</sup> ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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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?

Article 21 of the IUU Regulation stipulates that the re-exportation of products imported under a catch certificate shall be authorised through the validation by the competent authorities of the Member State from which the re-exportation is to take place of the section 're-export' of the catch certificate or a copy thereof where the fishery products to be re-exported are a part of the products imported.

Since only fishery products, whose importation has been authorised, can be imported, the requirement to authorise the exportation of fishery products, which have already been subject to control at the time of importation, seems redundant and only creates unnecessary red tape.

**Section 15. Any other comment**

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