

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

Reporting period 2022-2023 (deadline for submission 30 April 2024)

Member State:	The Netherlands
Organisation:	The Netherlands Food and Consumer Products Safety Authority
Date:	29-04-2024
Name, position and contact details of responsible official:	

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Yes:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yes except for questions (list):	
No:	
May the Commission provide a copy of this questionnaire to the European Fisheries Control Agency for a horizontal assessment¹?	
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Yes except for questions (list):	
No:	

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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Please state your notified authorities under the IUU Regulation in accordance with Article 39(4) (nationals):

Dutch Enterprise Agency (RVO) and Netherlands Food and Consumer Products Safety Authority (NVWA)

Section 1. Information on legal framework²

¹ This assessment is for internal use of the Commission. EFCA will present to Member States a summary of this assessment in the EFCA's Plenary and Steering Group meeting.

² This section I is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member States.

Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country adopted/modified national law or any administrative guides for the application of any of the provisions 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.

Section 2. Information on administrative organisation¹

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);
- nationals (Chapter VIII).

When providing the above requested information, please specify if different authorities/services are involved in the implementation of the IUU Regulation for:

- *the control of the access and use of ports, including for landings and transshipments, of third country fishing vessels in accordance with Chapter II of the IUU Regulation;*
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for fishery products arriving on board of third country fishing vessels at designated ports;*
- *checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports of consignment with fishery products arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, planes, trucks);*
- *validation of catch certificates for exports;*
- *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 their headquarters/central authorities);*
- b) *horizontal 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.).*

If written agreements on cooperation between different authorities/services have been concluded, please provide copies.

When providing the above requested information, if there were any changes in the administrative organisation since the previous reporting period (2020-2021), please underline those changes.

- **the control of the access and use of ports, including for landings and transshipments, of third country fishing vessels in accordance with Chapter II of the IUU regulation**
 - **NVWA / Fishery Monitoring Centre (FMC): Port State Control (PSC) inspections.**
- **checks and verifications of catch certificates for fishery products arriving on board of third country fishing vessels at designated ports**
 - **NVWA / Single Liaison Office (SLO): document checks, Prenotification, catch certificates, transport documentation, Annex IV.**
- **checks and verifications of catch certificates for imports of consignment with fishery products arriving by other means than fishing vessels (e.g. by containers, planes, trucks);**
 - **NVWA / Single Liaison Office (SLO)**

¹ This section 2 is to be filled-in by all Member States i.e. coastal and landlocked Member States.

- Customs
- **validation of catch certificates for exports;**
 - NVWA / Single Liaison Office (SLO)
- **validation and verifications of re-exports**
 - NVWA / Single Liaison Office (SLO)

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

We do not have regional authorities. There is direct communication and consultation between the NVWA teams involved in the control of various aspects related to IUU fishing. The Expertise team periodically consults with the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality.

- c) *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.).*

In case of Importation NLD / transit to other EU member state (arriving transport other than with a fishing vessel):

When fisheries product arrives at the Dutch border, customs is the first responsible organisation for checking all accompanying documents including the catch certificate. Customs officials check whether the catch certificate is included in the documents relating to the shipment and that all fields on the document are completed.

Import NLD:

After the catch certificates and other documents are checked, goods are released by Customs and the documents (catch certificates, transport document, etc.) are sent to the NVWA, Single Liaison Office (SLO), IUU unit located in Echt.

In transit to other Member state:

After customs determines that the catch certificates and other documents are present and, the documents are returned so that products are sent to other Member States accompanied by the documents.

In both cases:

If Customs has doubts/questions about a transport, (documentation, physical aspects or in case of a Mutual Assistance, high risk countries) the BCP and the SLO are contacted. The SLO subsequently carries out verifications. When the SLO completes the verification they will inform the BCP of their findings. Subsequently BCP will inform Customs so that goods can be released, denied or sent to another EU member state.

In case of Importation NLD / transit to other EU member state / transit to third country (direct landing / arriving transport is a fishing vessel):

Prior to arrival of a third country fishing vessel (or a fishing vessel carrying third country fishing products), the SLO carries out all checks and verifications on all catch certificates. If applicable, checks cover all checks listed in the Common approach to checks and verifications. The following verifications are carried out: information regarding flag state, fishing vessel details, transshipments at sea/port, other information in the catch certificates. These checks focus initially on cross-checking the data and if inconclusive may trigger a verification request to the relevant competent authority.

The FMC carries out the PSC procedure.

If both departments approve the fishing vessel gets permission to land and, if requested, to unload.

Health certificates are checked during the Physical Inspections (landings) by the Border Inspection Post (BCP).

If products go into transit, documents are returned and accompany the products.

If products are Imported into NLD, all catch certificates and other IUU related documents are sent to the NVWA SLO section IUU located in Echt to be archived.

Export and Re-export:

Export (fresh and frozen fish) and Re-export catch certificates / documents are formatted and validated by the Single Liaison Office SLO.

Export catch certificates/ documents concerning shrimps are issued and handled by our digital system e-CertNI.

NVWA Health inspectors carry out the physical inspections on catch certificates (together with Health checks / documentation and export certification)

Monitoring:

Monitoring of NTD Fishing vessels/reefers is carried out by the FMC (VMS, AIS and ERS / crosschecks)

In some cases the FMC is being supported by the Coastguard centre (KWC) where employees from the NVWA are seconded (Den Helder).

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); please specify which authority they belong to:

- *for checks and verifications in accordance with Articles 16 and 17 of the IUU Regulation;*

5 FTE (3 NVWA, 2 Customs)

- *for validation of catch certificates for exports and of re-export certificates in accordance with Articles 15(2) and 21(3) of the IUU Regulation.*

2 FTE (NVWA)

2.3. Does your country have freezones/freeports⁴ 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.

Section 3. Information on access to ports, including for landings and transshipments of fishery products, by third country fishing vessels⁵ (and information on related port inspections and confirmed infringements)⁶**3.1. Does your country have designated ports for access to port services or landings or transhipment of fishery products by third country fishing vessels (Article 5 of the IUU Regulation⁷)?**

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.

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/customs-procedures/what-is-importation/free-zones_en

⁵ Fishing vessels as defined in article 2(5) of the IUU Regulation.

⁶ 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.

⁷ Please note that ports designated under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations must also be designated under the IUU Regulation with restrictions if necessary (species, etc.).

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3.2. In years 2022 and 2023 respectively, how many times have third country fishing vessels been granted authorisation to access designated ports in your country only for repair/maintenance/supply?⁸

In 2022, 89 landings from third country vessels. 8 vessels were inspected, and we found 5 infringements.

In 2023, 110 landings from third country vessels. 2 vessels were inspected, and we found 2 infringements.

3.3. How many landings and transhipments in designated ports by third country fishing vessels have been recorded by your country between 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? How many inspections did your country carry out and how many infringements have been detected?

Please fill-in the table below (2022):

Inspections of third country fishing vessels in Member States ports (2022)								
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2022)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) ⁹					Total
			GBR	BHS	FRO	PAN	RUS	
Landings	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	1002	32	6	4	37	114
		Number of inspections	43	0	2	1	2	48
		% of inspections / landings	4,29%	0	33%	25%	5,04%	
		Number of infringements	11	0	1	0	0	12
Transhipments	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transhipments in ports						
		Number of inspections						
		% of inspections / transhipments						
		Number of infringements						

Please fill-in the table below (2023):

⁸ 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 where they do not carry fishery products on board and therefore no landing or transhipment operation is foreseen. Third country fishing vessels shall only access ports designated in accordance with Article 5.

⁹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Inspections of third country fishing vessels in Member States ports (2023)										
Type of operation	Vessels	Figures (2023)	Flag of the third country vessel(s) ¹⁰							
			GBR	ANT	BHS	FRO	PAN	RUS	USA	Total
Landings	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of landings	1085	1	18	1	1	30	1	80
		Number of inspections	31	0	2	0	1	2	0	9
		% of inspections / landings	2,86%	0	11,1%	0	100%	6,6%	0	
		Number of infringements	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Transshipments	Third country vessels using MS designated ports	Number of transshipments in ports								
		Number of inspections								
		% of inspections / transshipments								
		Number of infringements								

3.4. From the figures above, in the cases where your country detected infringements concerning third country fishing 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 (2022):

Flag of the third country vessel ¹¹	Name of the third country vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
FRO		Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Fine
RUS	(No landing, only loading)	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Fine
BHS	(No landing, only loading)	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
RHS	(No landing, only loading)	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning

¹⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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BHS	[REDACTED] (No landing, only loading)	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
BHS	[REDACTED] (No landing, only loading)	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Unloading at an area in a designated port where unloading is prohibited, Art 5 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Sale of the fish without replacing catch certificate	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Entering port before ETA in prior notification	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Unloading at an area in a designated port where unloading is prohibited, Art 5 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Sale of the fish without replacing catch certificate	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Unloading at an area in a designated port where unloading is prohibited, Art 5 1005/2008	Official Warning

Please fill-in the table below (2023):

Flag of the third country vessel ¹²	Name of the third country vessel	Type of infringements	Measures taken
BHS	[REDACTED] (No landing, only loading)	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
HT.Z	[REDACTED] (No landing, only loading)	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Fine
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official report to public prosecutor
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning
GB	[REDACTED]	Entered the Dutch harbour without permission Art 7 1005/2008	Official Warning

3.5. Please provide:

- the quantities of fish landed by third countries' fishing vessels in your designated ports in 2022 and 2023, respectively (by species and flag of the catching 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 2022 and 2023, respectively (by species and flag of the vessels):

Please fill-in the table below (landings):

Landings in 2022		Landings in 2023	
Flag of the third country vessel that caught the fish ¹³	Landed quantities by species ¹⁴ (weight in tonnes)	Flag of the third country vessel that caught the fish ¹⁵	Landed quantities by species ¹⁴ (weight in tonnes)
BS (Reefer)		BS (Reefer)	
GB	MAC 7,529,650.00	NO	CAP 825,400,00 HER 367,100.00 MAC 6,185,200.00
NO	CAP 808,860.00 COD 110,154.00 GHL 25,178.00	RU	ALK 4,603,176.41

¹² ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹³ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

¹⁴ Please use the FAO Alpha-3 codes (ASFIS).

¹⁵ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

	HAD 26,072.00 HER 539,600.00 MAC 16,800.00		COD 3,775,199.06 HAD 234,541.27 POL 5,938,769.40
RU	ALK 5,922,378.00 COD 8,423,035.43 HAD 547,004.61 OTH 831,538.00 PLA 99,524.00 POK 13,572.00 POL 19,830,844.00 SAL 831,538.00	US	ALK 32,634,581.64 ALP 309,789.00 COD 891,598.40 FLE 684.00 FTS 3,230.00 KZC 359,169.00 NHA 2,909,341.55 PCO 2,474,170.66 PLA 262,690.50 POK 9,681,527.70 SAB 7,937.99 SOL 315,879.00 WHG 4,765,716.65 YEL 90,720.00 YES 1,430,196.50 YFT 85,880.00
US	ALK 47,396,362.77 ALP 1,667,370.00 CHU 11,472.00 KZC 755,745.00 NHA 22,654,892.40 PCO 580,903.84 PIN 12,684.25 PWH 4,770,547.45 SAB 23,171.70 SAL 1,691,595.00 SOC 29,937.00 YES 3,155,450.00 YFF 248,024.00		
		CY (Reefer)	COD 2,998,861.13 HAD 199,036.00 PLA 21,407.00 POK 709,539.97
DK (Reefer) NO	HER 2,880.00 MAC 1,521,280.00 POK 607,420.00	DK (Reefer) GB	HER 630,000.00
EE (Reefer) GB	MAC 3,055,700.00	EE	MAC 700,440.00
NO	CAP 27,000.00 HER 292,368.00 MAC 914,150.00		
RU	COD 264,832.00 PLA 439,747.00		
		IS	MAC 730,306.00
FO	CAP 1,362,132.00 MAC 1,184,033.00	FO	MAC 1,253,702.00
GB	ANF 31,498.10 BIB 123,812.00 BLL 35,002.00 BOC 72,692.90 BRB 59,825.50 BSS 23,906.30	GB	ANF 26,653.70 BIB 109,850.20 BLL 40,488.10 BON 5.00 BRB 7,717.00 BSS 38,297.30

CAA	105.00	CAA	1,175.00
CAT	1,069.00	CAT	4,987.00
COD	25,360.00	COD	71,729.70
COE	3,716.00	COE	3,505.00
CRE	1,770,515.60	CRE	1,841,413.90
CTC	155,847.10	CTC	120,724.00
DAB	186,880.30	DAB	124,396.30
ELE	20.00	DGH	1,002.00
FLE	28,717.00	DGS	432.00
GAG	110.00	ELE	7.00
GAR	1.00	FLE	16,698.00
GUG	55,733.10	GUG	30,640.00
GUR	75,879.10	GUR	72,969.00
GUU	562,875.90	GUU	466,660.10
HAD	85,130.30	HAD	192,137.20
HAL	691.00	HAL	492,632.00
HER	11,932,120.00	HER	13,562,347.00
HKE	6,378.10	HKE	7,602.10
HOM	4,975,219.60	HOM	2,676,614.00
JAX	180,560.00	JAX	124,284.10
JOD	6,012.70	JOD	7,289.10
LBE	4,955.20	LBE	7,242.50
LEM	114,104.00	LEM	120,383.00
LEZ	82.00	LIN	899.60
LIN	709.00	MAC	17,797,841.20
LUM	6.00	MIP	8.00
MAC	22,188,975.10	MON	14,794.00
MEG	235.00	MUL	361.00
MON	5,949.00	MUR	1,075,666.00
MUL	437.00	NEP	961.00
MUR	812,329.00	NOP	141.00
NEP	1,584.00	OCC	2.00
OCC	7.00	PIL	135,064.00
PIL	230,960.00	PLE	2,995,304.80
PLE	3,022,933.80	POK	9,298.00
POK	3,012.00	POL	90.00
POL	39.00	PRA	2,332.00
RJC	95,106.10	RJA	3.00
RJH	30,224.20	RJC	147,981.20
RJM	22,267.00	RJH	19,165.00
SCE	102.00	RJM	25,705.00
SCR	26.00	SBG	21.00
SDS	5,429.00	SBR	14.00
SMD	18,008.00	SCL	398.00
SOL	231,035.50	SCR	24.00
SPR	199,471.00	SDS	5,170.00
SQC	14.00	SMD	13,619.10
SQE	5.00	SOL	197,345.90
SQR	1,256,800.00	SOS	1.00
SQU	496.00	SPR	1,560.00
SYC	1,133.00	SQC	14,862.00
TUR	148,872.20	SQE	1,592.00
WEG	19,366.50	SQS	11.00
WEX	61.00	SQR	1,710,171.10
WHE	2,505.00	SQU	1,404.00
WHG	657,706.50	SYC	583.00
WIT	30,677.10	TUR	161,352.20

	WRF 22.00 WHB 3,760,619.00		USB 3.00 WEG 10,651.00 WEX 5.00 WHE 41.00 WHG 660,067.20 WIT 62,343.10 WRE 29.00
NO (Reefer)		NO (Reefer)	
DE	GHL 364.00	DK	HER 1,073,452.00 MAC 70,020.00
DK	HER 218,840.00 MAC 48,000.00 SPR 2,600.00	ES	CAT 12,935.00 COD 285,642.00 HAD 4,610.00 HAL 20,843.00 HKS 3,176.00 PLA 11,362.00 POK 6,120.00 RFB 142,565.00
EE	PLA 10,400.00 PLF 39,494.00 PRA 472,607.20	EE	HER 20,000.00 MAC 24,000.00 PLA 52,936.00 PRA 921,729.00
FO	MAC 1,842,997.00 PAN 9,246.00	FR	OTH 475,505.00
GB	HER 2,807,580.00 MAC 7,016,392.00	FO	HER 1,608,220.00 MAC 370,143.00 WHR 1,500.00
IE	HER 364,060.00	GB	CAA 4,495.00 GHL 6,527.00 HER 4,610.00 MAC 1,880,300.00 PLA 11,133,210.00 REB 2,394.00
IS	HER 1,493,233.00	DE	CAA 86.00 COD 186,814.00 DAB 1,108.00 HAL 3,952.00 OTH 94,337.00 RFB 2,295.00
LT	PLA 16,260.00 PLF 6,266.00 PRA 347,058.80	IS	HER 31,560.00
LV	CAB 2,397.00 CAS 258.00 COD 1,011.00 GHL 4,914.00 PLA 13,852.00 PRA 99,843.00	LT	PRA 240,451.00
NO	ARU 84,020.00 CAA 35,590.00 CAP 4,145,548.00 CAS 17,584.25 COD 21,829,876.10 CRQ 712,322.90 GHL 2,526,986.37 HAD 11,181,473.18 HAL 35,453.00 HER 22,856,394.00 HKE 95,014.60 HOM 1,759,960.00 JCM 5,950.00 KCD 66,998.00 LEM 877.00 LIN 75,615.17 MAC 27,897,600.00	LV	PRA 109,587.00
		NO	ARU 460,980.00 RLI 27,632.00 CAB 6,406.00 CAP 5,308,943.00 CAS 2,667.00 CAT 37,456.00

	PLA 4,446.00 PLE 1,682.90 POK 7,945,801.30 POL 50,888.00 PRA 324,584.00 REB 4,401,400.32 RED 47,820.00 REG 266,086.29		COD 14,413,351.95 CRQ 2,473,544.00 DAB 42,699.00 GHL 1,812,524.00 HAD 6,953,849.43 HAL 55,816.00 HER 21,298,949.00 HKE 23,279.00 HOM 1,276,130.00 JCM 4,035.00 KCD 42,297.00 LIN 15,505.00 MAC 28,101,346.00 MON 100.00 PLA 36,206.00 PLE 128,568.00 POK 8,942,122.00 PRA 1,344,437.00 RFB 2,392,918.00 RED 25,552.00 REG 55,947.00 RHG 90.00 SAL 823.00 SPR 40,000.00 USK 924.00
RU	COD 21,014,202.67 GHL 6,243.00 HAD 3,594,365.63 HER 336,046.00 KCD 105,817.20 PLA 249,128.85 PLE 584,577.00 POK 449,021.35		
SE	HER 98,280.00		
		RU	COD 15,941,989.00 HAD 1,657,315.75 HER 20,000.00 MAC 445,311.00 PLA 283,500.00 PLE 701,239.00 POK 225,194.00 PRA 84,820.00 RED 222,748.00 HER 53,300.00
		SE	ALK 2,238,903.55
		US	ALP 175,850.85 KZC 124,034.00 PCO 483,348.50
PA (Reefer)		PA (Reefer)	
FO	HER 222,780.00 MAC 1,097,486.00	RU	POL 3,746,005.00
GL	HER 344,200.00		
RU	COD 655,305.00 POL 13,249,151.85		
RU (Reefer)		RU (Reefer)	
RU	ALK 8,212,269.00 CHU 101,470.00 COD 64,084,515.63 CRQ 1,430,514.00 GHL 25,917.00	RU	COD 62,589,830.94 HAD 14,582,580.05 PLA 786,722.00 PLE 989,113.47 POK 1,249,604.29

	HAD 18,261,387.16 HAL 138,672.60 PLA 134,584.00 PLE 33,921.93 POK 85,426.26 RED 51,392.00 YTT 69,742.50		SKA 22,087.00
		US (Reefer) US	AIK 7,908,898.06 COD 516.35

Please fill-in the table below (transhipments):

Transhipments in 2022		Transhipments in 2023	
Flag of the third country vessel ¹⁶	Transhipped quantities by species ¹⁴ (weight in tonnes)	Flag of the third country vessel ¹⁷	Transhipped quantities by species ¹⁴ (weight in tonnes)
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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:

See table question 3.4

3.7. Since January 2022, 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 2022:

In 2023:

3.8. Do you have cases of third country fishing vessels landing in your parts with the landed products destined to another Member State? [Article 19(3) of the IUU Regulation]

Yes No

¹⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

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

In 2022:

In 2023:

In the Netherlands most landings of third country fishing vessels go into transit. At a later moment a decision is made by the company what the final destination of the products is. Therefore all CC's and other documentation are subject to checks as defined in the common approach to checks and verifications prior to arrival regardless of the final destination.

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) No 1010/2009]?

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of landings/transshipments from third countries) If yes, please detail, in order to reach the objective of at least 5% of landing and transshipment operations as set in Article 9(1) of the IUU Regulation, which benchmarks you use and rank them:

1. (Pre)Identified third countries
2. Total landings per harbor where harbors with more landings are automatically identified as a higher risk
3. Article 4.b: the fishing vessel is suspected of not implementing applicable provisions on VMS according to Chapter IV of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2244/2003 of 18 December 2003 laying down detailed provisions regarding satellite-based Vessel Monitoring Systems;
4. Article 4.d: the fishing vessel has not been controlled by the port Member State in the last 6 months;
5. Article 4.n: prior notification, required under Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, not transmitted at the proper time or information incomplete;
6. Article 4.o: inconsistencies between catch data declared by the operator and other information available to the competent authority;
7. Article 4.p: vessel or vessel owner suspected of being or having been involved in IUU fishing activities
8. Article 4.r: flag State not notified according to Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 or information available on possible irregularities in the validation of catch certificates by a given flag State (e.g. stamps or validation seal from a competent authority lost, stolen or forged);

Section 4. Information on catch certification scheme for importation¹⁸

4.1. How many catch certificates¹⁹ from non-EU countries were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please complete the following table by flag State validating the catch certificates, including cases where catch certificates are accompanied by processing statements.²⁰ 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.

¹⁸ Section to be filled-in by all Member States.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ If catch certificates are submitted only for transshipment purposes, please specify.

Flag State (non-EU) ²¹	2022		2023	
	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³
<i>AG</i>	3			
<i>AR</i>	47		41	
<i>AU</i>	22		17	
<i>CA</i>	307		190	
<i>CV</i>	8			
<i>CL</i>	34		30	
<i>CN</i>	488		520	
<i>CU</i>	3			
<i>EC</i>	376		531	
<i>SV</i>	16		12	
<i>FK</i>	15		5	
<i>FO</i>	56		93	
<i>FJ</i>	13		6	
<i>GM</i>	11		21	
<i>GH</i>	69		88	
<i>GL</i>	66		3	
<i>GY</i>	48		92	
<i>IS</i>	2062		1078	
<i>IN</i>	449		266	
<i>ID</i>	402		372	
<i>JM</i>	3			
<i>JP</i>	69		47	
<i>KE</i>	12		5	
<i>KR</i>	22		37	
<i>MG</i>	1		2	
<i>MV</i>	255		191	
<i>MU</i>	102		244	
<i>MX</i>	1		8	
<i>MA</i>	531		364	
<i>MM</i>	3		3	
<i>NA</i>	195		257	
<i>NZ</i>	16		8	

²¹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²² Based on Annex II to the IUU Regulation

²³ Based on Annex IV to the Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009

Flag State (non-EU) ²¹	2022		2023	
	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³	Annex II catch certificate ²²	Simplified catch certificate ²³
NI	26			
NG	105		86	
NO	1474		1164	
OM	3		1	
PG	59		65	
PK			5	
PE	57		24	
PH	822		821	
RU	1449		1258	
SN	135		5	
SE	43		33	
ZA	143		139	
TK	1692		1663	
SR	225		153	
TW	3		3	
TZ	1			
TH	247		285	
SH	5		3	
TN			2	
GB	1222		1252	
UY	2		1	
US	718		543	
VE			11	
VN	234		213	
YE	4			
Total	14,374	N/A	12,261	N/A

We cannot submit the numbers on simplified catch certificates for the reporting years 2022 and 2023 as we would manually need to go through all received catch certificates. We have already implemented a different reporting method for 2024 and will be able to answer this question in the Biennial report 2024-2025. If you have specific questions on specific third countries, we remain available for providing this information regarding simplified catch certificates of said third country.

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	2022	2023
<i>ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document</i>	284	389

RFMO document	2022	2023
<i>Dissostichus spp.</i> (CCAMLR)	43	36
CCSBT CDS	1	1
ICCAT Swordfish Statistical Document	422	492
ICCAT Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document	1	1
Total	751	919

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 2022 until 31 December 2023?

Flag State (EU)	2022	2023
Spain	121	188
France	68	116
Italy	32	59
Malta	27	7
Cyprus	3	1
Portugal	3	6
Croatia		7
Total	254	384

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	2022	2023
ICCAT (electronic)-bluefin tuna catch document	253	377
<i>Dissostichus spp.</i> (CCAMLR)	1	7
CCSBT CDS		
Total	254	384

4.5. How many processing statements (Article 14(2) – Annex IV) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and per processing country.

Processing non-EU State ²⁴	2022	2023
BA	1 With CC's from: BA 1	
CA	2	17

²⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Processing non-EU State²⁴	2022	2023
	With CC's from: US 2	With CC's from: US 15 NO 4
<i>CN</i>	1223 With CC's from: AR 51 CA 27 FO 2 GL 20 IS 4 KR 5 NL 2 NZ 2 NO 65 PE 39 PT 4 RU 507 ES 196 US 595 VN 4	1368 With CC's from: AR 19 CA 30 DK 3 DE 1 EC 163 GL 15 IS 1 NL 2 NZ 7 NO 62 PE 30 PT 2 RU 861 ES 4 US 658 UY 2 VN 3
<i>EC</i>	181 With CC's from: SV 19 FR 4 NI 5 NZ 6 PA 173 ES 101	344 With CC's from: CN 40 SV 11 KR 33 NI 49 PA 298 ES 224 US 2
<i>SV</i>	9 With CC's from: PA 6 ES 3	12 With CC's from: PA 7 ES 5
<i>FO</i>	14 With CC's from: GL 3 IS 1 NO 42	23 With CC's from: GL 16 NO 26
<i>PH</i>	3 With CC's from: PG 3	41 With CC's from: ID 24 PE 2 ES 20

Processing non-EU State ²⁴	2022	2023
<i>GH</i>	3 With CC's from: FR 8	12 With CC's from: FR 2 ES 6
<i>GT</i>	5 With CC's from: AR 19	
<i>IS</i>	20 With CC's from: CA 1 FO 2 DE 36 GL 3 LT 1 LV 1 NO 3	21 With CC's from: DE 28
<i>IN</i>	1 With CC's from: US 1	1 With CC's from: AR 1
<i>ID</i>	14 With CC's from: CA 10 CH 2 RU 12 UY 4	31 With CC's from: AR 1 CA 16 CH 1 RU 13 MA 4 US 1 NO 3
<i>IC</i>		9 With CC's from: FR 55 SN 1 SC 1
<i>JP</i>	12 With CC's from: US 13	7 With CC's from: US 7
<i>KR</i>	38 With CC's from: IN 11 IR 1 NO 3	43 With CC's from: IN 1 NO 4 TH 4 UK 3

Processing non-EU State²⁴	2022	2023
	PE 1 TW 1 UK 2 US 18	US 30 VN 1
<i>MG</i>	110 With CC's from: FR 89 IT 42	131 With CC's from: FR 120 IT 32 SC 30
<i>MY</i>		2 With CC's from: IN 1 KR 1
<i>MA</i>	318 With CC's from: BE 147 DK 272 DE 581 IN 10 NL 546 UK 90 AR 4	5 With CC's from: DK 11 DE 16 NL 9 UK 2
<i>MU</i>	297 With CC's from: MV 167 ES 497 SC 583 FR 261 IT 25	43 With CC's from: MV 116 ES 347 SC 520 FR 178 IT 10 TZ 3
<i>NA</i>	29 With CC's from: SA 92 ES 6	15 With CC's from: SA 53
<i>NO</i>	48 With CC's from: DE 13 FO 3 IR 7 RU 1 SE 5 UK 13	

Processing non-EU State²⁴	2022	2023
<i>PG</i>	58 With CC's from: PH 109 SB 2 TW 8	75 With CC's from: PH 117 TW 9
<i>PE</i>		10 With CC's from: AR 6 EC 7
<i>SC</i>	45 With CC's from: FR 105 IT 6 MA 10 ES 77	44 With CC's from: KR 2 FR 129 IT 16 MA 17 ES 52
<i>SG</i>	21 With CC's from: IN 16 VN 21	18 With CC's from: IN 22 VN 7
<i>SR</i>	2 With CC's from: PA 3	
<i>TW</i>	6 With CC's from: CN 3 US 3 VN 1	15 With CC's from: CN 513 US 4 VN 3 PE 7
<i>TH</i>	316 With CC's from: AR 1 AU 9 GL 2 PH 9 IN 35 KR 44 MV 96 MA 12 NO 3 PE 1 RU 18 SC 1 TW 43 UK 6 US 21 VN 196	258 With CC's from: AU 2 IN 39 KR 17 MV 66 MA 13 MY 7 NO 4 PG 1 PE 7 RU 4 ES 8 TW 19 UK 146 US 15 VN 172

Processing non-EU State²⁴	2022	2023
<i>TR</i>		1 With CC's from: ES 1
<i>UK</i>	28 With CC's from: IS 10 NO 31 RU 35 US 1 UK 11	4 With CC's from: CN 1 NO 1 RU 2 US 1 UK 1
<i>US</i>	2 With CC's from: CA 2	2 With CC's from: NO 2 US 2
<i>VN</i>	71 With CC's from: CN 4 ID 22 KI 1 KR 44 MV 1 MA 2 NO 21 PE 1 PH 4 RU 6 TW 2 US 1 UK 16	17 With CC's from: ID 9 KI 1 KR 7 MV 4 NO 2 PG 3 PE 1 PH 6 SN 1 ES 40 TW 6 US 25
<i>Total</i>	2876 With CC's 6551	2727 With CC's 5828

4.6. How many single transport documents referred to in Article 14(1)(b)(i) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and by third country concerned.

Non-EU State concerned²⁵ – single transport document	2022	2023
<i>S 1</i>		
<i>S 2</i>		
...		

²⁵ Country through which fishery products went when transported from the territory of the flag State and before arriving to your country.

Non-EU State concerned²⁵ – single transport document	2022	2023
<i>S</i> x		
<i>Total</i>	0	0

4.7. How many documents referred to in Article 14(1)(b)(ii) (the so-called non-manipulation declarations) were submitted to the authorities of your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please provide details per year and per country that issued such a document.

Non-EU State issuing a document in line with Article 14.1.b.ii²⁶	2022	2023
<i>S</i> 1		
<i>S</i> 2		
...		
<i>S</i> x		
<i>Total</i>		

We cannot submit the numbers on non-manipulation declarations for the reporting years 2022 and 2023 as we would manually need to go through all received catch certificates. We have already implemented a different reporting method for 2024 and will be able to answer this question in the Biennial report 2024-2025.

4.8. Please indicate if you retain and record the information contained in processing statements (Article 14.2 – Annex IV) 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 2022-2023)

4.9. 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 2022:

In 2023:

In the Netherlands a large amount of fishery products go into transit. At a later moment a decision is made by the company what the final destination will be of the products. Therefore all CC's and other documentation are checked (basic verification) regardless off the final destination.

4.10. Has your country received requests to authorise APEOs²⁷ in 2022-2023?

²⁶ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

²⁷ Approved Economic Operators – IUU Regulation, Article 16 and Implementing Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009, Chapter II

Yes No

If yes, how many requests has your country received and how many APEOs have been authorised?

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4.11. Has your country adopted administrative rules referring to the management and control of APEOs in 2022-2023?

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. absence of APEO request)

If yes, please provide details:

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4.12. Has your country validated re-export certificates for products imported from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

Yes No

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

Destination country (non-EU) ²⁸	2022	2023
GB	48	44
Total	48	44

4.13. 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 2022-2023)

If yes, please provide details:

Customs have (administrative) internal procedures for export and re-export. Each export and re-export needs to be accompanied by a health certificate (except United Kingdom). Customs can check if each health certificate actually was exported.

4.14. 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

²⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

4.15. 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 because no consignments were placed under transit procedure as laid down in Article 19(2)

Section 5. Information on catch certification scheme for exportation²⁹

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 2022-2023)

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

Yes, there are two procedures for validation of catch certificates for exportation in force in NL. One specifically for shrimps (HH05 DZH-31 WI_ Afgifte IUU Vangstcertificaten voor de Export van door NI.D vaartuigen gevangen garnalen) and one for other fish species (HH05 DZH-24 WI_Export van door NI.D gevangen visserijproducten). There is a separate procedure for shrimps because these catch certificates are electronically linked to the health certificates.

5.2. Have you validated catch certificates for exportation in 2022-2023 in accordance with Article 15?

Yes *No*

If yes, how many catch certificates did you validate from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023? Please provide details per requesting third country/country of destination in the following table:

Destination State ^{30, 31}	Year	
	2022	2023
<i>BE</i>	2	1
<i>CN</i>	2	14
<i>PO</i>	27	12
<i>JP</i>	-	5
<i>PL</i>	10	
<i>GB</i>	409	286
<i>MA</i>	88	93
<i>MA (shrimp)</i>	684	464
<i>ES</i>	1	1
<i>TH</i>	8	8

²⁹ Section to be filled-in by flag Member States.

³⁰ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

³¹ It is recommended that the validation of a catch certificate for exportation takes place when the country of destination is known.

Destination State ^{30, 31}	Year	
	2022	2023
UA	3	2
VN	-	1
Total	1234	887

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 2022-2023)

5.5. Has your country refused the validation of a catch certificate between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2023?

Yes No

Not applicable (e.g. in the absence of request for validation of catch certificates for exportation in 2022-2023)

If yes, please provide details on:

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 Regulation³²

Please note: points 6.1 to 6.3 in this Section refer to checks of catch certificates in accordance with Article 16(1) whereas points 6.4 to 6.11 refer to verifications of catch certificates in accordance with Article 17.

The clear separation between checks and verifications in this Section thus reflects the provisions of the mentioned Articles of the IUU Regulation.

It is therefore important to provide the requested information in line with this separation.

6.1. Has your country established a procedure for checks of catch certificates in accordance with Article 16(1)?

Yes No

If yes, please provide relevant instruction manuals/ guidance documents.

³² Section to be filled-in by all Member States

The Dutch Customs carry out an initial document-based check on all imports. This is documented in procedure “DZH-32 Samenwerking Douane-NVWA import-NVWA SLO bij controle IUU” and “IUU vangstdocumentatie controle”. The document “IUU vangstdocumentatie controle” will be sent to you as an attachment with the Biennial report.

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. (i) if all required data are provided in a catch certificate and (ii) if these data correspond to the notification from the flag State in question³³)?

Yes No

If you do not check all catch certificates as indicated above (i.e. for data completeness and correspondence with information from the flag State notification) and instead you apply risk management for checks, please provide the following:

- risks identified in 2022 and 2023 on the basis of risk management used to check catch certificates, and
- number of catch certificates checked:

Please fill-in the table below:

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ³⁴	2022		2023	
	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>
Country 1				
Country 2				
...				
Country x				
Total				

6.3. What exactly do you check in catch certificates in accordance with Article 16(1)? Please describe the precise scope and the procedure used in detail³⁵:

The Dutch Customs carry out an initial document-based check on all imports. This is documented in procedure “DZH-32 Samenwerking Douane-NVWA import-NVWA SLO bij controle IUU” and “IUU vangstdocumentatie controle”. The document “IUU vangstdocumentatie controle” will be sent to you as an attachment with the Biennial report.

6.4. Has your country established a procedure for verification of catch certificates for importation in accordance with Article 17?

³³ Based on comparison of the information in the catch certificate with the information provided in the flag State notification available to Member States authorities on the Commission website (in CIRCABC database).

³⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

³⁵ Please provide a complete description (not only examples of what and how is checked).

Yes *No*

If yes, please provide relevant instruction manuals/ guidance documents.

The Dutch Single Liaison Office carries out risk based and random in-depth verifications as well as verifications focussed on national criteria. These criteria are mentioned in question 6.6. The instruction manual is documented in procedure “DZH-26 WI_Verificatie VC IUU”

6.5. 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*

6.6. If you apply risk management to verifications (Article 17(3)), do you use Union (Article 31 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 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):

- (Pre)Identified third countries / always/regularly
- Mutual Assistance / always

If you apply national criteria, please detail them and the methodology used³⁶:

- Transshipments – All catch certificates with transshipments are handed over to and verified by the Single Liaison Office for IUU
- Suriname – All catch certificates are handed over to and verified by the Single Liaison Office for IUU

6.7. If you apply risk management to verifications, please provide information on the risks identified in 2022 and 2023 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.

Suriname was temporarily (May – December 2023) added to the national criteria because of consistent irregularities in the catch certificates. After 3 verification requests with regard to article 17(4) were sent to the competent authorities of Suriname with regard to 23 consignments the information improved significantly. Subsequently, Suriname was removed from the national criteria. In total this results in a percentage of 22,12 % of all consignments from Suriname that resulted in an official verification request.

All other criteria mentioned in question 6.6 were covered by verifications.

³⁶ Please provide a complete description (not only examples of national criteria and of their use).

6.8. If you do not apply risk management to verifications, please describe the procedure used³⁷:

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6.9. How many catch certificates have been verified by your administration from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? Please specify, separately for each year:

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ³⁸	2022		2023	
	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>AG</i>	3	1	0	0
<i>AR</i>	47	1	41	1
<i>AU</i>	22	0	17	7
<i>CA</i>	307	1	190	1
<i>CL</i>	34	0	30	2
<i>CN</i>	488	92	520	85
<i>EC</i>	376	376	531	531
<i>SV</i>	16	0	12	5
<i>GM</i>	11	0	21	3
<i>GT</i>	69	1	88	59
<i>GT</i>	66	0	3	3
<i>GY</i>	48	3	92	4
<i>JP</i>	69	3	47	6
<i>IN</i>	449	1	266	6
<i>KR</i>	22	10	37	5
<i>MU</i>	102	1	244	3
<i>MA</i>	531	2	364	6
<i>MM</i>	3	0	3	1
<i>MV</i>	253	2	191	0
<i>NA</i>	195	7	257	7

³⁷ Please provide a complete and accurate description

³⁸ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag State (EU or non-EU) ³⁸	2022		2023	
	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>NG</i>	105	2	86	0
<i>NZ</i>	16	0	8	1
<i>NC</i>	105	0	86	1
<i>NO</i>	1474	0	1164	3
<i>PE</i>	57	0	24	2
<i>PG</i>	59	3	65	2
<i>PII</i>	822	0	821	25
<i>RU</i>	1449	882	1258	1232
<i>ZA</i>	143	0	139	3
<i>SE</i>	43	3	33	0
<i>LK</i>	1692	0	1663	1
<i>SN</i>	135	0	5	2
<i>SR</i>	225	4	153	107
<i>TW</i>	3	3	3	2
<i>TH</i>	247	5	285	8
<i>GB</i>	1222	2	1252	6
<i>US</i>	718	4	543	607
<i>VE</i>	0	0	11	11
<i>VN</i>	234	7	213	235
Total	11,862	1,416	10,766	2,983

6.10. Please reply to the following questions:

- a) How many catch certificates have you verified in the context of the application of Article 17(4)?

h) How many catch certificates have you verified on the basis of risk identified in accordance with Article 17(3)?

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c) How many catch certificates have been verified at random (Article 17(5))?

0

6.11. Does your country also physically examine the consignments in the context of verifications? Please note that under this point you are asked to provide information on physical examinations based only on IUU-related grounds.

Yes No

If yes, please provide details on:

a) Number of physically examined consignments (per year) and percentage in relation to all verifications made:

2022: 1

0.000227 %

2023: 0

0.00 %

b) Method of selection of consignments:

Based on IUU Regulation – Mutual Assistance – Articles 45(1) and 49(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1010/2009 – Possible irregularities in imports from a Chinese-based legal person (Ref: MA_CHN_020)

Section 7. Assistance requests to third countries³⁹

7.1. Have you sent assistance requests for verifications under Article 17(6) of the IUU Regulation to flag States' authorities in 2022-2023⁴⁰?

Yes No

If yes, how many assistance requests for verifications? Note: please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023:

Flag States ⁴¹	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2022	Justification (please provide a brief description)	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2023	Justification (please provide a brief description)
AG	1	CC format	-	-
AR	1	Validity digital CC	1	Validity digital CC
CA	1	Validation date	1	Invalid underlying CC's
CN	8	Transhipments, MA CHN 023	1	Transhipment

³⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

⁴⁰ Please note that assistance requests for verifications sent to countries other than flag States should be listed under point 7.4.

⁴¹ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Flag States⁴¹	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2022	Justification (please provide a brief description)	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2023	Justification (please provide a brief description)
EC	1	CN codes discrepancy	1	Expired fishing license
SV	1	Expired fishing license	-	-
GH	1	Invalid fishing license	1	Grouped weights on Annex IV
GT	-	-	1	CN codes missing
GY	2	Validation signatures, Vessel information missing	-	-
ID	1	Re-export filled in by authority	1	Re-export filled in by authority
JP	-	-	1	Statistical document SBFT
KR	1	Not stating vessel names and flag on Annex IV	1	NMC format
MV	1	CC issued and validated twice	-	-
MA	1	Annex IV format unclear, Processed CC weight exceeded	2	CN codes, Processed CC weight exceeded, wrong validation date
MU	1	CC issued and validated twice	1	Missing validation authority
NA	2	Identical catch certificate numbers, Annex IV weights inconsistent with CC's	3	Columns missing from Annex IV's, inconsistency in validation and fishing dates, weight discrepancy
NG	1	Identical catch certificate numbers	-	-
NO	1	Inconsistent weights between NMC and CC, CC is void	-	-
PG	2	Annex IV data incorrect, Not validated, Identical catch certificate numbers	-	-
PE	-	-	1	MA PER 001
RU	22	Transhipments could not be found in IMS, MA CHN 023	-	-
SN	-	-	2	Identical catch certificate numbers, MA SEN 007
SC	2	Identical Statistical document number,	-	-

Flag States ⁴¹	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2022	Justification (please provide a brief description)	Number of assistance requests for verifications 2023	Justification (please provide a brief description)
		Inconsistent weights on Annex IV		
SG	-	-	1	Processed fishery product missing on several Annex IV's
SR	3	Inconsistent weights front page vs. vessel appendix, CN codes	3	Inconsistent weights front page vs. vessel appendix, validation date before exporter, CN codes
TZ	-	-	1	Fishing license expired, validated 6 months after exporter
TH	1	Weight Annex IV's doesn't match CC's	2	Fishing vessel not mentioned, Weight Annex doesn't match CC's
GB	2	Validation before landing, Initial CC's are not voided after landing	2	Transport details incomplete, request for vessel owner data
US	41	Verification according to MA_CFN_025 US CC's, CC number incorrect, CC validated before catch dates	10	Verification according to MA_CFN_025 US CC's, Fishing license expired, validation date CC incorrect
VN	3	Identical catch certificate numbers, weight notation incorrect, transshipment	2	Weights grouped for multiple vessels, Exporter signed before validation
Total	101		39	

7.2. How many assistance requests for verifications 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. have you denied the importation)? [Please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023]

2022 8, After granting an additional 15 day deadline we have received satisfactory answers from all.

2023 7, After granting an additional 15 day deadline we have received satisfactory answers from all.

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 for verifications 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.

Yes, in cases where the verification concerned a Processing statement or Non-Manipulation Certificate we have sent the assistance request to the competent authority of the processing state rather than the flag state.

7.5. If you have been using IT systems developed by third countries allowing for a full or partial verification⁴² of catch certificates, please indicate these countries and the number of verifications that were made through their systems (at least approximately)?

Yes, around 1000 for 2022 and 2023. Mostly for Ecuador and USA catch documentation.

Country	2022	2023
CA	10 - 20	< 10
CN	10 - 20	20 - 30
EC	450	400
GL	< 10	< 10
IS	< 10	< 10
IN	20 - 30	20 - 30
MV	< 10	< 10
MX	< 10	< 10
NO	500	600
RU	10 - 20	0
TR	< 10	< 10
US	10 - 20	300
UK	500	550

Section 8. Information on refusal of importations (Article 18 of the IUU Regulation)⁴³

8.1. Has your country refused any imports from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023? *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:

⁴² Please indicate if you use these IT systems already as part of your checks (not verifications) of catch certificates.

⁴³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Reason for refusal of importation	2022		2023	
	Flag State ⁴⁴	Number	Flag State ⁴⁵	Number
Non-submission of a catch certificate for products to be imported.				
Non-submission of a catch certificate for products to be imported.	Peru	1		
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.	Canada	1		
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)				
The products intended for importation are on the Russian sanction list	Russia	1		

8.2. If the answer to point 8.1 is yes, what measures were taken by your authorities in relation to the consignments refused (Article 18.3)? Please also quote the national legal basis for the measures taken.

The consignments were either destroyed or sent back to the flag state.

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

Yes No

Not applicable (absence of refusals in 2022-2023)

If yes, please provide details:

⁴⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

⁴⁵ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

Section 9. Information on trade flows⁴⁶

Please provide information and relevant import figures, 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 2020-2021:

No significant changes in import figures.

Section 10. Information on mutual assistance⁴⁷

10.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, how many mutual assistance messages of the Commission (DG MARE R4) has your country replied to?⁴⁸

Please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023 (if any)

2022	5,	Confirming required sample documents were uploaded to Fishnet
	1,	Confirming we had received no import relevant to the MA
	1,	Requesting the deadline of the MA
2023	2,	Confirming required sample documents were uploaded to Fishnet
	1,	Confirming we had received no import relevant to the MA
	1,	Confirming we had received two imports relevant to the MA

From the numbers above, please specify in how many cases you took action and describe the actions taken

10.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country sent any mutual assistance message to the Commission/other Member States?

Please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023 (if any)

2022	1
2023	2

Section 11. Information on cooperation with third countries⁴⁹

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 provide details (please provide separate data for 2022 and 2023, if any).

⁴⁶ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

⁴⁷ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

⁴⁸ 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.

⁴⁹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

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Section 12. Information on nationals⁵⁰

12.1. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, 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 provide details:

12.2. Have there been any cases of nationals of your country engaging in or supporting IUU fishing, including by engagement on board or as operators or beneficial owners of fishing vessels included in the EU IUU vessel list?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

12.3. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country taken any action with regard to its nationals who have been identified as supporting or engaged in IUU fishing?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

12.4. What measures has your country taken to encourage nationals to notify any information on interests in third country fishing vessels (Article 40(1))?

When a third country fishing vessel applies to be imported (i.e. registered under Dutch flag), the IUU vessel list is checked to ensure that the vessel has not been involved in IUU fishing. All fishing vessels that are imported from a third country need to submit a letter of the competent authority of the third country stating that the vessel has not been involved in IUU fishing and that the third country has removed the fishing vessel from their fleet register.

12.5. Has your country endeavoured to obtain information on arrangements between nationals and third countries allowing reflagging of their fishing vessels in accordance with Article 40(4)?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

12.6. 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 EU IUU vessel list (Article 40(2))?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

12.7. Has your country made use of Article 40(3) and removed public aid under national aid regimes or under EU funds to operators involved in the operation, management or ownership of fishing vessels included in the EU IUU vessel list?

⁵⁰ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Section 13. Serious infringements (Chapter IX of the IUU Regulation)⁵¹

13.1. Has your country detected serious infringements as defined in Article 42 of the IUU Regulation from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

Yes No

If yes, please detail separately for each year the number of serious infringements, nature and sanctions applied:

Flag State of the fishing vessel or nationality of the operator (EU and non-EU) ⁵²	Serious infringements detected in 2022:			Serious infringements detected in 2023:		
	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied	Number	Nature	Sanctions applied
<i>Country 1</i>						
<i>Country 2</i>						
...						
<i>Country x</i>						
<i>Total</i>						

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

Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

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

[As of 2024 the first batch of administrative sanctions will be effected.](#)

Section 14. Sightings (Chapter X of the IUU Regulation)⁵³

14.1. Has your country issued sighting reports from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

Yes No

If yes, how many sighting reports were issued by your country from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023?

⁵¹ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

⁵² ISO Alpha-2 country codes.

⁵³ Section to be filled-in by all Member States

Flag State of the sighted fishing vessel (EU and non-EU) ⁵⁴	Number of sighting reports issued in 2022	Number of sighting reports issued in 2023
<i>IE</i>		1
<i>FR</i>		3
<i>BE</i>	1	9
<i>DK</i>		3
<i>DE</i>		2
<i>GB</i>		2
<i>Total</i>	1	20

14.2. Since the last reporting exercise covering the period 2020-2021, has your country received any sighting reports for fishing vessels flying its own flag from other competent authorities?

Yes *No*

If yes, please provide details on follow-up (in accordance with Article 50 of the IUU Regulation).

We are currently working on developing a procedure regarding follow-up on sightings from for fishing vessels flying the flag of the Netherlands other competent authorities. At the moment we can't provide details on the follow-up of these sightings within the reporting period.

Section 15. General

14.1. During the reporting period 2022-2023, what have been the main difficulties that your country has encountered in implementing the IUU Regulation, including the catch certification scheme?

The implementation of Article 39 of the IUU Regulation about Nationals remains a complex issue.

Section 16. Any other comment

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⁵⁴ ISO Alpha-2 country codes.