

## General

- In order to comply with the European Commission Regulations 1005/2008 and 1010/2009 ("the IUU Regulations") to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing, the NOAA Fisheries Service Seafood Inspection Program (SIP) began to issue catch certificates for wild fishery products caught by U.S.A. flagged vessels on January 1, 2010 and intended for export to the European Union (EU).
- The catch certificate is available individually or in a package with the already required EU export health certificate. There is a fee for a single certificate or the package of both certificates. Both certificates may be requested electronically but only the catch certificate can be delivered electronically to the applicant at this time. The EU export health certificate may only be delivered via commercial courier service, picked up in person at the nearest inspection office or delivered by regular mail via US Postal Service.
- To request catch certificates for products going directly to the EU, the applicant must enter a request for a catch certificate through the SIP's online web-based request system (SISP). To access the on-line system, the applicant must apply for a user account at the SIP online website [http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/left\\_navlinks/sisp.html](http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/left_navlinks/sisp.html). Not all shipments of fish and fishery products destined for Europe go directly there. The consignment may go to a third country for further processing and/or storage.

## Procedures for Completion and Issuance fo the EU-IUU Catch Certificate

A. Requests for Inspection: Catch certificate applications received via the SIP on-line system (SISP), are received and processed based on the applicant's input of information. On-line applicants will be notified by SISP during the application process if information is missing or incomplete. The EU IUU Catch Certificate is prepared by inputting information and data taken from the EU certificate and/or inspection request and records relative to the shipment. The required information for catch certificate preparation is listed below in (section B. Completion).

**B. Completion:** The numbered items below correspond to the numbered fields on the attached example of the catch certificate (Attachments #1 & #2).

1. The certificate number will be generated by SISP using SIP policy for numbering certificates.
2. Regional Office Information.
3. USDC Local Office.
4. USDC Local Office telephone number.
5. USDC Local Office fax number.
6. USDC Local Office address.
7. Enter the applicant company name (e.g. name of the Shipper or Exporter).
8. Enter the applicant company address (e.g. address of the Shipper or Exporter).
9. The applicant's representative who supplied the catch certificate information should apply an electronic signature in this block.

10. The applicant's Official Seal or Company Logo should be placed in this block electronically.
12. Enter the commodity description. For each line item of product, enter a description of the product as labeled. Enter the type (e.g., fresh, frozen, canned etc.), and the style, (e.g., skin-on, cooked, raw, whole, eviscerated, etc.).
13. Scientific name of each product.
14. Enter the total net weight of all products covered in this block. Each product will require separate listing of its net weight.
15. 6-digit product HS code (Harmonization System Code) for each product.
16. Enter the FAO Catch Area for each product.
17. Enter catch dates or range of dates for the product listed.
18. The Inspector's Full Name and ID# using electronic signature is placed here.
19. The date of the inspector's electronic signature is placed here.
20. The USDC Seal will be placed in this location electronically.

### **C. Distribution of the completed EU IUU Catch Certificate**

1. The applicant can retrieve a copy of both page 1 and 2 of the catch certificate from SISP and should complete (section 5) "*Transportation Details*" on page 2.
2. Printed copies of the catch certificate generated from SISP may be maintained for Regional and Lot Inspection office use; these copies should be marked "copy".

Attachment #1

 <p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION</p>	Document Number:						
			1				
		Validating Authority					
				2			
<b>UNITED STATES Attestation in Accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008 for Products Caught by U.S.-Flagged Vessels</b>							
<b>1. VALIDATING AUTHORITY</b>			Address				
Name		3		6			
Tel:	4		Fax:			5	
<b>Exporter</b>							
<b>2. EXPORTER</b>			Seal				
Name		7		11			
Address						8	
Signature		9				Date	
		10					
<b>Commodity Description</b>							
<b>3. COMMODITY DESCRIPTION</b>							
12							
Species (Scientific Name)	Net weight	U.S. Commodity Code	FAO Catch Area	Catch Date or Range			
13	14	15	16	17			
<b>Flag State Authority Validation</b>							
<b>4. ATTESTATION</b>							
<p>This attestation is admissible in all courts of the United States as <i>prima facie</i> evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained. This attestation does not excuse failure to comply with any Federal or state laws. <b>WARNING:</b> Any person who knowingly falsely makes, issues, alters, forges or counterfeits any official Seafood Inspection Program certificate or knowingly causes or procures, or aids, assists in, or is party to such false making, issuing, altering, forging or counterfeiting, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both (7 U.S.C. §1622).</p>							
<p>I certify to the best of my knowledge that the items in the shipment listed herein were caught in compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 /et seq./) and other applicable state and Federal conservation and management laws and regulations as specified in the U.S.-EU Agreement dated November 6,2009.</p>			OFFICIAL STAMP				
18			19		20		
Name and Signature of Official Inspector NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service			Date				

## Attachment #2

Transport Details			
<b>5. TRANSPORT DETAILS AS SPECIFIED IN (EC) 1005/2008 Annex I Appendix</b>			
5.1 Country of Exportation		5.2 Port/Airport/other place of departure (embarkation):	
5.3 Vessel Name and Flag:		Container number(s): List attached if necessary)	Name
Flight number/airway bill number:			Address
Other transport document(s):			Signature
EU Importer Declaration			
6. EU IMPORTER Name		Seal	
Address			
Signature		Date	Product CN Code
Documents under Articles 14 (1), (2) of Regulation 1005/2008		References	
Import Control Authority			
7. MEMBER STATE IMPORT CONTROL AUTHORITY		Place	Verification requested – date
		<input type="checkbox"/> Importation authorized	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Importation suspended	
Customs declaration (if issued)	Number	Date	Place
European Community Re-Export Certificate			
8. CERTIFICATE NUMBER	Date	Member State	
8.1 Description of re-exported product.		Weight (Kg)	
Species	Product Code	Balance from total quantity declared in the catch certificate:	
8.2 Name of re-exporter	Address	Signature	Date
8.3 Authority			
Name/Title	Signature	Date	Seal/Stamp
8.4 Re-export Control			
Place	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-export Authorized <input type="checkbox"/> Verification Requested		Re-export Declaration number and Date