

IUU Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008

IUU REGULATION – Requirement of a validated EU catch certificate for transshipment within a non-EU port

This note concerns the procedure to be followed in a third country port of transshipment.

The Commission has become aware that in some third countries where transshipment within a port area takes place the authorities request a validated EU catch certificate at the moment of transshipment.

As per the IUU Regulation, the authorities in a third country of transshipment are required to fill-in Section 7 of the EU Catch Certificate. The purpose is that the competent authorities in the respective third country will confirm that the transshipment operation has taken place and such operation was authorised in accordance with its internal legislation and/or relevant conservation and management measures approved by a regional fisheries management organisation to which the third country is a contracting party or a cooperating party.

The Commission would like to emphasise that at the stage of transshipment in port the catch certificate cannot contain information regarding the estimated weight provided in Section 3. However, all the other information provided in the Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 should be made available by the ship owner/exporter.

Third countries are kindly invited to take all necessary measures to ensure that a validated catch certificate is not requested for transshipment operations. The present note completes the note published on our website on 4 November 2010 regarding the requirement of a validated EU catch certificate for processing activities carried out in a third country, different from the flag State.

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