

Where you can find information

UK Government resources

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You will find information on a range of topics including:

- Catch Certificates
- Export Health Certificates (EHC)
- Customs procedures
- Food labelling

Contact us

For more support on catch certificates contact the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Export Fish helpline on 0330 1591989.

Prepare your business

This leaflet focuses on changes related to the fishing and seafood sector. There are other actions you may need to take to be ready for EU Exit.

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We encourage you to discuss these preparations with your drivers, staff, suppliers and customers.



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Exporting fish from UK waters to the EU

These guidelines are intended to help UK exporters understand what they will need to do in the event of a no deal Brexit.



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What you need to know

The United Kingdom will be leaving the European Union at 11pm UK time on 29 March 2019.

Leaving the EU with a deal remains the government's top priority and would give businesses stability and certainty to prepare for our new relationship after EU Exit.

However, the government must plan for every possible outcome including no deal. Without a deal, businesses may need to take action before 29 March 2019.

Use this information to understand how leaving the EU may affect your business and what you can do to get ready.

The majority of fish and fish products (including fresh and processed fish), will need a catch certificate for imports and exports between the UK and the EU.

A new online service will be available to process and issue catch certificates and other supporting documents electronically. You'll need to register for this service on gov.uk

You won't need a catch certificate to export:

- farmed fish and shellfish
- freshwater fish or shellfish
- fish fry or larvae
- ornamental fish
- some molluscs including, cockles, cuttlefish, oysters, scallops and mussels

Export Health Certificates (EHC) are needed for all exports of fish, including farmed fish and shellfish.

If you export fish to the EU, you will need to...

1) Complete a catch certificate online

- Complete an online catch certificate for each consignment of fish. It will be validated immediately.
- Provide the validated catch certificate to your importer to complete their sections.
- If you're exporting fish that came from multiple vessels, you'll need to specify quantities from each vessel.

2) Complete an Export Health Certificate (EHC)

- Obtain an EHC from the new EHC Form Finder service on gov.uk or contact your local authority.
- You'll need to nominate an authorised signatory (e.g. an Official Veterinarian or Environmental Health Officer) to inspect your product and sign the EHC.

3) Complete additional documents for processing or storage if needed

- If you're exporting fish sourced from another country that has been stored in the UK, you will need a storage document.
- If you're exporting fish sourced from another country that has been processed in the UK, you will need a processing statement.

4) Consignment through a Border Inspection Post (BIP)

- All consignments will need to enter through a BIP except for direct landings, which can enter through a designated port.
- You might need a European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) permit to transport goods in the EU and European Economic Area (EEA).

Check with HMRC what additional customs requirements may apply.

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