

Direct landing requirements for Northern Ireland registered vessels landing into RoI

Direct landings by fishing vessels registered in Northern Ireland are subject to the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing regulations and North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) obligations when landing in EU ports, including RoI, from 01 January 2021.

Requirements notably include **restriction to IUU and NEAFC designated ports** and obligation to submit a **prior-notification** of arrival, a **pre-landing declaration** of catch, a **Catch Certificate** and **NEAFC PSC form** to request authorisation to land.

From 1st February 2021 the list of RoI IUU designated ports includes:

- **Burtonport**
- **Castletownbere**
- **Greencastle**
- **Howth**
- **Killybegs**
- **Rathmullan**
- **Rhos a Mhil (Rosaveel)**

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) process: Prior notification of arrival, pre landing declaration, catch certificate.

For vessels under 12m in length

1. Register on the **Fish Export Service (FES)** at this [link](#) to create **UK catch certificates**
2. Download **prior notification** [here](#) and **pre-Landing declaration forms** [here](#) from FES.
3. Complete forms with best estimate of catch to be landed and email to fmcireland@defenceforces.ie **72 hours before landing for frozen fish or 4hrs for fresh fish.**
4. On landing, **submit paper log sheet** (10m – 12m vessels) **or email catch information** with accurate weight of catch to daeraimportcatchcerts@daera-ni.gov.uk for submission onto UK Fisheries Management databases. Required information to include;
 - ✓ **the Port Letter and Number (PLN) and the name of the fishing vessel.**
 - ✓ **the species and the relevant geographical area (ICES statistical sub rectangle) in which the catches were taken.**
 - ✓ **the dates of catches**
 - ✓ **the date of departure from and of arrival to port, and the duration of the fishing trip**
 - ✓ **the type of gear, mesh size and dimension**
 - ✓ **the quantities of each species in kilograms, live weight**
 - ✓ **the number of fishing operations**
5. Complete a **catch certificate** on the **Fish Export Service (FES)** at this [link](#)
6. Email your validated catch certificate to FMCIreland@defenceforces.ie

For vessels over 12m in length

1. Register on the **Fish Export Service (FES)** at this [link](#) to create **UK catch certificates**
2. Submit e-log, electronic prior notification of arrival and pre landing declaration **72 hours before landing for frozen fish or 4hrs for fresh fish.**
3. Complete a **catch certificate** on the **Fish Export Service (FES)*** at this [link](#) and email to FMCIreland@defenceforces.ie **72 hours before landing for frozen or 4hrs for fresh fish.**

Certain species are exempt from requirement for a catch certificate (scallops, including queen scallops, farmed aquaculture products). If you are landing exempt fisheries products you will need to complete a **prior notification for exempt fisheries product form. This form can be found on the Fish Export Service (FES) at this [link](#).*

NEAFC Prior Notification process:

From 1st February 2021 the list of RoI NEAFC designated ports includes:

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Check the NEAFC entry requirements for these ports [here](#)

For all vessels

- ✓ UK registered vessels will need to land fish into one of the **EU designated ports listed above** under [NEAFC regulations](#)
- ✓ Register your vessel with **NEAFC Port State Control** system [here](#)
- ✓ Submit a **NEAFC Port state Control form** (PSC1 or PSC2)* [here](#). This must be done **72 hours before landing for frozen or 4hrs before landing for fresh** fish. NEAFC are responsible for onward submission to Fisheries Monitoring Centre (UKFMC)

**If the PSC1 or PSC2 forms are filled out incorrectly, this may result in delays to landing and resubmission of the forms may be required in order to land.*

There are no new food safety requirements (SPS Checks) for UK-flagged vessels with their port of registration in Northern Ireland ('NI-registered vessels') when landing fishery products into EU/RoI ports. This is the case regardless of the location from which those products are caught.

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