

Control

Chapter V of Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002

- Responsibilities of Member States;
- Infringements;
- Cooperation and coordination;

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The Community Fisheries Control Agency (Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005

- Each Member State has a seat on the Administrative Board

Registration and reporting of catches

- Chapter V of Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002;
- Article 6, 8 & 9 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2847/93
- Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2807/83
- Articles 15 & 18 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93;
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 500/2001;

Catch registration

Key elements:

- Logbooks
- Landing declarations
- Sales notes

Logbooks and landing declarations are the responsibility of the master

- Masters of all Community vessels whose overall length exceeds 10 metres must keep a logbook of their operations indicating particularly the quantities of each species caught and kept on board, the date and location of such catches and the type of fishing gear used;

- Masters must submit landing declarations to the authorities within 48 hours of landing;
- Landing declarations must indicate the quantities landed of each species and the area where they were caught.

Sales notes

- Auction centres or other bodies or persons authorised for first marketing of fishery products landed in a Member State shall submit upon the first sale, a sales note to the competent authorities of the Member State in whose territory the first marketing takes place.

Reporting catch data to the Commission

- The monitoring of the catch data by the Commission is carried out on the basis of the declarations transmitted by Member States in the form of reports A, B, C, D, E and F.

Basic principles are as follows:

- Each Member State is entirely responsible for its declarations of catches submitted to DG FISH via FIDES (Fisheries Data Exchange System)
- "Catch reporting" declarations are based on landed quantities. With regard to catches of species subject to TACs or quotas, the reports also comprise the quantities transhipped on other vessels, including ships of third countries, and of catches kept on board for more than fifteen days;

- For the "Catch Reporting" management, the reference year is that covered by the TAC & Quota regulation of the concerned year, i.e. from 1 January to 31 December.

Monthly Report A concerns:

- a) the quantities subject to TACs or to quotas, landed in declaring Member States and in third countries by Member States' vessels;
- b) the quantities subject to TACs or to quotas, transhipped by ships of declaring Member States and
- c) the quantities subject to TACs or to quotas, held on board for over fifteen days after catches

Monthly Report B

- concerns the quantities subject to TACs or to quotas, landed in declaring Member States by other Member States' vessels.

- **Quarterly Report C:** concerns the quantities of species not subject to TACs or quotas landed in declaring Member States by their vessels.
- **Quarterly Report D:** concerns the quantities of species not subject to TACs or quotas landed in declaring Member States by ships of other Member States.

Quarterly Report E:

- concerns the quantities not subject to TACs or to quotas, captured by fishing vessels flying the flag of the declaring Member State in the waters falling within sovereignty jurisdiction of third countries and on the high seas and directly landed on the territory of the declaring Member State during the previous quarter or
 - directly landed in third countries during the previous quarter or
 - transhipped on third countries vessels during the previous quarter.

Quarterly Report F

- concerns the quantities of each stock not subject to TAC or to quotas, captured by fishing vessels flying the flag of another Member State in the waters falling within the sovereignty or jurisdiction of third countries and on the high seas and landed on the territory of the declaring Member State.

Frequency and timing of reports:

- A & B, monthly, before the 15th of the following month.
- C, D, E, F ,quarterly, before the end of the first month of the following quarter.

- For the reports A and B, a 1-month revision period in relation to the deadline of the monthly statement is granted, if a justification is presented.

Quota flexibility

Council regulation (EC) No 847/96

- Year to year transfers;
- Deductions for overfishing;

Control of fishing effort

- No effort regimes in Mediterranean Sea at present;
- Becoming more important as a fisheries management tool;
- Regimes are usually based on days at sea or kilowatt days.