

Direct landing requirements for GB registered vessels landing into NI

Direct landings by fishing vessels registered in GB are subject to Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing controls when landing in NI ports from 01 January 2021. Requirements notably include **restriction to IUU designated ports** and obligation to submit a **prior-notification** of arrival, a **pre-landing declaration** of catch, and a **Catch Certificate**.

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

- Londonderry
- Belfast
- Bangor
- Portavogie
- Ardglass
- Kilkeel
- Warrenpoint

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-declaration forms** [here](#) from FES.
3. Complete forms with best estimate of catch to be landed and email to DAERAImportCatchCerts@daera-ni.gov.uk. This must be done **72 hours before landing for frozen or 4hrs before landing for fresh fish**.
4. On landing, **email** catch information with accurate weight of catch to your home port fisheries office 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 validated catch certificate to DAERAImportCatchCerts@daera-ni.gov.uk

Certain species are exempt from requirement for a catch certificate (scallops, including queen scallops and farmed aquaculture). 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](#)*

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](#)
4. Email validated catch certificate to DAERAImportCatchCerts@daera-ni.gov.uk **72 hours before landing for frozen fish or 4hrs for fresh fish.**

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