



# Revision of the EU Fisheries Control System – New provisions on traceability

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## ***Presentation***

- 1. Main aspects of the Proposal*
- 2. Changes to the rules on **the lot***
- 3. Changes concerning the rules on **traceability information***
- 4. **Scope** of the rules on traceability*
- 5. **Codecision** process*

# 1. KEY ELEMENTS OF THE REVISION

## 1. Harmonised enforcement rules →

Improved compliance and level playing field!

## 2. Tackle control loopholes & lack data →

- Reporting and tracking for small scale fleet
- Control of recreational fisheries

More complete and accurate data for small scale fisheries + Recrea F

## 3. Bridge the gap with the CFP and synergies with other EU policies →

- Control of the landing obligation (LO)
- Better control of engine power
- Synergies environment

CFP  
Engine power  
Lost gears



## 4. Traceability, incl. imported products + electronic IUU catch certificate →

Level playing field with third countries

## Changes to the provisions on traceability

1. Clarify the rules concerning **lots of fishery and aquaculture products** => new Article 56a
2. Link of a specific lot of fishery products to a particular landing by an EU fishing vessel => **fishing trip identification number**
3. **Digitalisation** => Traceability info. recorded and transmitted electronically

## Changes to the provisions on traceability (cont'd)

5. Cover also imported products and processed products
6. Clearly define the **scope** of traceability provisions
7. Digitalisation of IUU **catch certificate** (CATCH)



## 2. Lots of fishery and aquaculture products

### Changes to the rules on the lot ? Not really !

- In Art 4: the definition simplified and aligned to the definition of “lot” in food law (Dir 2011/91)
- In Art 56a: existing requirements in the existing definition => same species & same relevant geographical areas

## *Existing*

### *Art. 4 (20) and Art. 56(3)*

*Art. 56 (3) All fisheries and aquaculture products must be put in lots before 1st sale.*

*Art. 4 (20) 'Lot' means a quantity of fisheries and aquaculture products of a given species of the same presentation and coming from the same relevant geographical area and the same fishing vessel, or group of fishing vessels, or the same aquaculture production unit;*

## *Proposal*

### *Article 56a*

*(1) Fishery and aquaculture products from catching or harvesting shall be put into lots prior to placing on the market.*

*(2) A lot shall only contain fishery or aquaculture products of a single species, of the same presentation and coming from the same relevant geographical area and from the same fishing vessel .../...*

## 3. Traceability information

- At **all stages** from catching or harvesting to retail stage, in line with food law
- Information transmitted or made available, **electronically**, to the business operator to whom the fishery product or aquaculture product is supplied
- Obligation applies also to **imported products**
- Exemption for products below 5kg for consumers (existing rule: 50 euros)



# Which traceability information?

## *Existing rules*

- (a) identification number of lot;*
- (b) number and name of the fishing vessel or name of aquaculture;*
- (c) FAO alpha-3 code of each species;*
- (d) date of catches or date of production;*
- (e) quantities of each species;*
- (ea) if MCRS, separate information;*
- (f) the name and address of the suppliers;*
- (g) the information to consumers provided for in Article 35 of CMO*

## *The proposal*

Addition: **Unique fishing trip identification number**

*(deletion of number and name of the fishing vessel)*

Change: Existing point (g)

*'information to consumer' introduced under new points (d) details on the catch area, (e) fishing gears, (f) date of catch and (i) the standards*

Deletion: *name of fishing vessel and name of suppliers*

## 4. Scope of the rules on the lot and on traceability information

- Chap 3 of the Combined nomenclature
  - ✓ **Fresh, frozen, fillets, dry, salted, smoked.. fish, crustaceans and molluscs**
- Headings 1604 and 1605 of the Combined nomenclature
  - ✓ **Prepared and preserved fish, crustaceans and molluscs**
  - **Excluded from the scope:**
    - Flour of meat of fish, crustaceans and molluscs, unfit for human consumption, or for animal feed, and
    - Algae



## 5. Co-decision Where are we today?

- **30 May 2018:**  
Adoption by the European Commission - COM(2018)368
- **In the European Parliament**  
No first reading could not be concluded by April 2019  
New Rapporteur: Ms C. Aguilera – S&D  
Draft report by Rapporteur expected Feb 2020
- **In the Council**  
Examination of the proposal is on-going  
General Approach expected under Croatian Presidency