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Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

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Our vision

- As an independent coastal state we have the chance to strengthen our IUU fishing policy and legislation.
- We want to build relationships with likeminded countries and those most vulnerable to IUU fishing.
- We also want to work closely with the fishing and retail industry to learn from them and develop a system that will allow them to flourish.
- Delivering the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (UN's SDG) 14(4) to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing is a priority for the UK.

Our partners



Fish Exports

- The UK developed the Fish Export Service (FES) to provide validated catch certificates for UK fish.
- The UK will continue to engage with bilateral partners and multilateral organisations who require catch documents to make the exporting process as smooth as possible, minimising burdens
- Where possible and beneficial to UK industry, the UK will integrate or align the FES with other countries' schemes.

Fish Imports

- The catch certificate system is an important tool in tackling IUU fishing. It provides assurance that the fish being imported into the UK was caught legally and in-line with the relevant regulatory and management measures.
- For the purposes of the IUU regulation the flag state of the vessel is responsible for validating export catch certificates of its fleet.
- Importers must submit IUU documents to the relevant authority in advance of arrival to the IUU SLO or Port Health Authorities.

International cooperation

- We are implementing existing international agreements relating to IUU Fishing and encourage the strengthening of measures within international forums.
- We recognise the importance of cooperation through the sharing of information, best practice and expertise as well as working with international partners.

Carding & Listing

- The UK is in the process of developing its policy on the implementation of the identification of non-cooperating countries.
- As an independent coastal state, the listing process is an important tool for the UK to tackle IUU fishing. If a vessel is included on the UK's IUU vessel list, several restrictions will apply.
- The UK maintains an IUU Fishing vessel list that is aligned with all RFMOs, regardless of the UK's membership status.



Areas to consider looking into

- Illicit financial flows
- Labour standards
- IUU Strategy



Any other areas we need to consider?

Forced Labour

- The 2015 Modern Slavery Act gives law enforcement agencies, including the police and Border Force, the powers to investigate modern slavery offences at sea.
- Border Force is making effective use of the new maritime powers introduced by the Modern Slavery Act 2015 to detain vessels where there is suspected modern slavery.
- Border Force officers also undertake checks on seafarers arriving in the UK to join a vessel.



Modern Slavery Act 2015



Border Force

Thank you on behalf of the
Defra IUU team



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Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUU) Team

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Single Liaison Office (SLO) & Catch Certificates in Brief

What is the SLO?

- The SLO is the **UK point of contact** for any matter relating to Illegal, Unreported or Unregulated (IUU fishing)

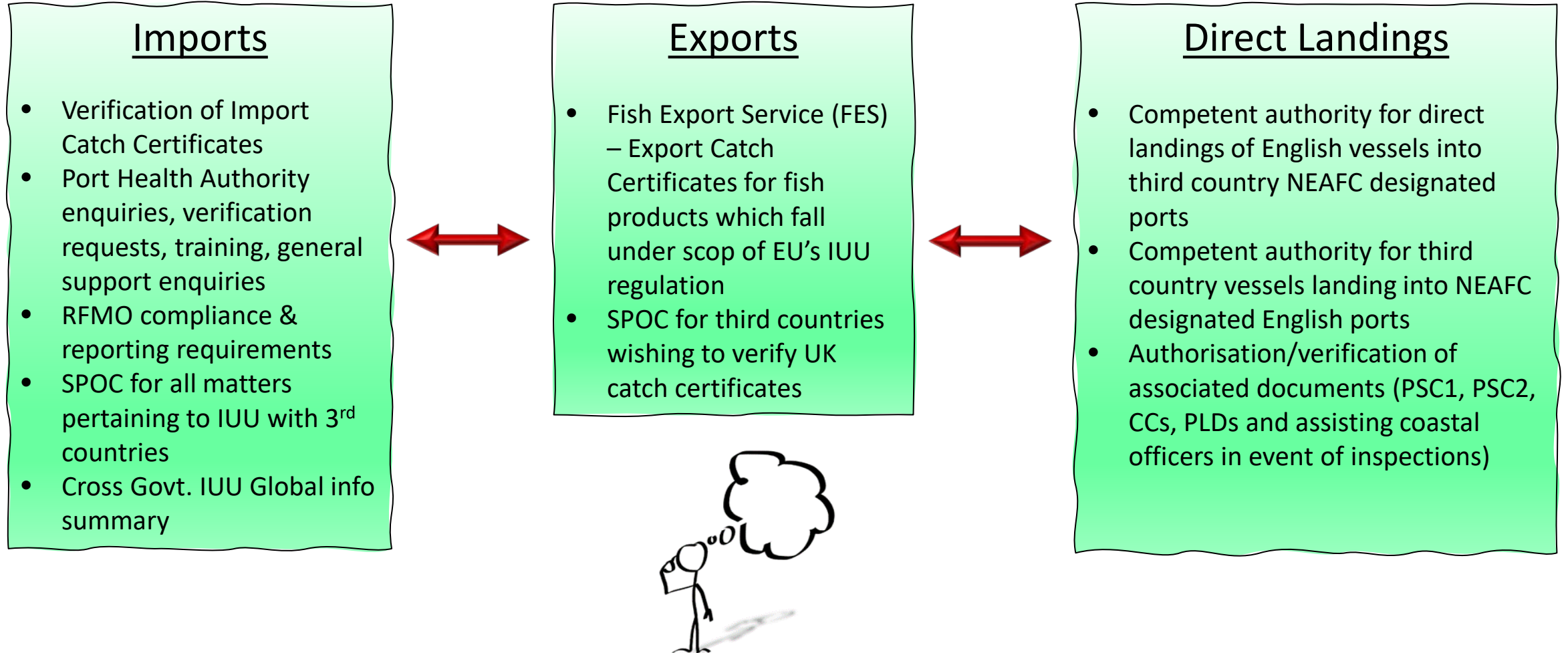
Legal basis



- The IUU Regulations (Council Regulation 1005/2008 and Article 39 of Commission Regulation Number 1010/2009) require that a Single Authority be established to undertake IUU Functions.
- This authority is known as the **Single Liaison Office (SLO)**.
- Dialogue can be initiated between Flag State SLO's** when it appears that a catch certificate has been incorrectly validated or if the receiving flag state is unable to verify any particulars.

- A catch certificate is produced by exporters in order to **export fish** and validated by their flag state's competent authority. The catch certificate is forwarded to the country of import and is then **verified** by that country's authorities.
- A Catch Certificate provides an **audit trail** of all fishing activities and provides assurance that consignments have been sourced in a responsible way by actors who are authorised to do so.

What We Do in MMO IUU



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