

Note to operators

Implementation of the new provisions of Regulation (EU) 2023/2842

Adopted in 2023, Regulation (EU) 2023/2842 significantly amends two major regulations of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, known as the “Control” Regulation, and Regulation (EC) No 1008/2005, known as the “IUU” Regulation. In particular, these regulations ensure that products marketed on the European market or exported comply with CFP requirements.

While certain provisions of this new Regulation were initially scheduled to apply from 10 January 2026, last-minute adjustments were adopted due to an insufficient level of preparation. UMF provides an update on the conditions and arrangements for the entry into force of this text.

Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 or Control Regulation:

- *Entry into force of digitalisation obligations from 10 January 2026*

The concept of digitalisation introduced by this Regulation has been clarified by the European Commission in [a note](#) addressed to all professionals in the sector. Thus, any information transmitted in dematerialised form is considered « *digital information* ». For example, sending an email or a PDF is regarded as a compliant digital information format.

- *New information required under Article 58(5)*

The new Control Regulation requires the transmission of the unique fishing trip number. The French Administration specifies, in an [FAQ](#), that this number may -on a transitional basis- correspond to the reference trip number defined by the [arrêté of the 18 March 2025](#) or to the batch number. In all cases, the operator in possession of the batch must be able to identify the fishing vessel from which the marketed batch originates in the event of an inspection.

Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2005 or IUU Regulation:

- *Introduction of the CATCH platform*

The introduction of this system provides for the dematerialisation of catch certificates, which must be transmitted in digital format:

- For extra-EU imports ;
- For products that are exported and then imported within the EU territory;
- For exports to countries requiring reciprocity ([see annex](#)).

Initially scheduled to enter into force on 10 January 2026, a **tolerance period has been granted** by the European Commission. Accordingly, for three months, companies may continue to use paper catch certificates and will be required to provide digital certificates upon request by the control authorities ([see letter from the French authorities](#)).

Furthermore, the [FAQ](#) addressing the main concerns of professionals has been made available by the European authorities.