

TECHNICAL NOTE on Class II Aquatic Animals and Plants
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1. Introduction

Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing constitutes one of the most serious threats to the sustainable use of fishery resources. Preventing IUU catches from entering domestic supply chains is recognized as an effective measure to combat IUU fishing. To combat IUU fishing, the European Union (EU) and the United States (US) have legislations to prevent the import of IUU catches. In order to fulfill Japan's responsibility as one of the world's largest importers of fishery products along with the EU and the US, Japan will introduce a legislation, Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants (the Act), to prevent the import of IUU catches into Japan, aiming at contributing to global efforts to eliminate IUU fishing. The Act is scheduled to enter into force on December 1 2022 and consists of two separate measures to regulate IUU catches: Regulation on Japanese domestic market and Import regulation.

The former regulation is on Japanese domestic market to address the issue of IUU fishing properly in Japan. To prevent IUU catches taken in Japan from being distributed in Japan or exported outside of Japan, the regulation requires that Class I Aquatic Animals and Plants, which is defined as a group of aquatic animals and plants designated to be particularly vulnerable to IUU fishing in Japan and in need for conservation and management measures, shall not be distributed in Japan without a catch number and transaction records or exported outside of Japan without a legal harvest certificate. *This measure does not require foreign governments to take any additional procedures.*

The latter regulation is a catch documentation scheme developed based on the EU catch certification scheme. It requires that Class II Aquatic Animals and Plants (Class II), which is defined as a group of aquatic animals and plants designated to be particularly vulnerable to IUU fishing by foreign flagged vessels under foreign laws or international conservation and management measures, shall not be imported into Japan without a catch certificate issued by the flag State of the vessel catching Class II to validate that such catches have been made in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and international conservation and management measures.

This TECHNICAL NOTE aims to provide details on the import regulation, Japan's catch documentation scheme under the Act: the catch certificate issued by foreign governments and other document(s) provided for in the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries stipulated in Article 11 of the Act as well as implementation of the scheme under the same Article.

2. Class II Aquatic Animals and Plants subject to the Catch Documentation Scheme

(1) Fish species subject to the catch documentation scheme

The following fish species are designated as Class II (herein after Class II designated fish species). These species are recognized to be particularly vulnerable to IUU fishing by foreign flagged vessels under foreign laws or international conservation and management measures, which need to be managed under the import regulation.

- Squid and cuttle fish
- Pacific saury (*Cololabis spp.*)
- Mackerel (*Scomber spp.*)
- Sardine (*Sardinops spp.*)

※Tunas and other fish species for which import regulations with a view to prevent IUU fishing are already in place under other programs are excluded from Japan's catch documentation scheme.

The fish species have been designated based on recommendations of the Task Force on the Scheme of Ensuring the Proper Distribution of Fishery Products consisting of various stakeholders, and on advice of the Fisheries Policy Council. The designated fish species are scheduled to be reviewed every two years or so.

(2) Exclusion of products

Of those derived from Class II designated fish species listed in 2(1) above, livers, roes, tongues, cheeks, heads, and wings are excluded from the scope of the catch documentation scheme. Fishery products falling under Headings 0301.11 and 0301.19 (ornamental fish), Chapter 5 (fishery products which are not fit for human consumption), Chapter 15 (fats and oils), Heading 1603 (extracts and juices), Chapter 23 (flours, meal, and pellets unfit for human consumption (animal fodder etc.)) are also excluded.

(3) Processed fishery products

When a product of Class II designated fish species is imported into Japan after being processed in a third country other than the flag State, the importer shall submit a document (such as processing statement) which proves that the product has been processed as described in 3(8) in addition to the catch certificate. "Processing" herein includes processes that significantly change structure of fishery products, such as drying, salting, and smoking, etc.

When Class II designated fish species is cut as fillet or frozen in a third country and imported into Japan, it is treated as a processed fishery product.

(4) Statistical Code for Import (Attachment 1)

For the matter of simplicity for business operators and consideration for import practices,

items subject to the catch documentation scheme are based on Statistical Code for Import of Japan's Tariff Schedule (the number combined with 6 digit HS Code and 3 digit code defined in Japan) as shown in Attachment 1.

Please note that other fish species that are not in the scope of this scheme are listed in Attachment 1 for technical reasons, but only fishery products that are or made of/from the fish species shown in 2(1) (herein after Class II fishery products) are subject to the scheme.

3. Catch Documentation Scheme

(1) Catch certificate

The catch certificate stipulated in Article 11 of the Act is document(s) that certifies that Class II designated fish species (in the case of processed fishery products, the Class II designated fish species as raw material of the processed fishery products) were caught legitimately. The catch certificate shall be validated by the government agency of the flag State of the fishing vessel catching Class II designated fish species of which fishery products are imported into Japan. When a Class II fishery product will be imported into Japan, the importer shall submit the catch certificate and if applicable, other document(s) provided for in the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (See 3(8) for other documents required for Indirect importation and Outsourced processing of Class II fishery products). This catch documentation scheme is developed based on the EU catch certification scheme, so the information required to be filled in the catch certificate is basically the same as those in the EU catch certificate. Since the EU catch certification scheme has been in force for more than 10 years and has already been widely accepted in more than 90 countries in the world, it is assumed that governments and business operators of the relevant countries are already familiar with implementation of the catch documentation scheme. If there are any questions on implementation of Japan's scheme, Japan will provide advice in the implementation of the scheme.

In the case Class II fishery products that are obtained from aquacultures are imported into Japan, a document that proves such fact shall be submitted in place of the catch certificate.

(2) Flag State notification and bilateral consultation

In order to ensure the effectiveness of the catch documentation scheme, it is essential that the flag State that issues the catch certificate has a sufficient system in place to attest the veracity of the information on the legality of the products concerned contained in the catch certificate. For this purpose, States or regions exporting Class II fishery products to Japan shall notify Japan of the followings after bilateral consultations with Japan. Draft sample formats are shown in Attachments 2 to 8.

- National arrangements for implementation, control and enforcement of laws, regulations which regulate illegal fishing and conservation and management measures which must be complied with by its fishing vessels;
- Name, address, phone number and seal/stamp of the competent authority(s) that is(are)

empowered to implement the followings:

- Manage registration of fishing vessels under its flag;
 - Grant, suspend or withdraw of fishing licenses to its fishing vessels;
 - Implement, control and enforce relevant laws, regulations and conservation and management measures against their fishing vessels; and
 - Verify information in and subsequently validate the catch certificate.
- Sample format of the catch certificate.
 - Use of electronic means, if applicable.

This notification is not required for each individual export but shall be provided by the flag State when introducing Japan's catch documentation scheme after the bilateral consultation. The notification shall also be provided by the flag State when the information on the notification is changed or modified. Names of the flag State that has notified and the notified organizations which verify information in and subsequently validate the catch certificate will be published on the website of the Fisheries Agency of Japan to inform importers or those who process Class II designated fish species in third countries other than the flag State of information about the countries and the competent authority(s) that issues the catch certificate.

The *bilateral consultation* will be held mainly for the purpose of confirming the content of the flag State notification between the flag State and Japan in advance. The flag State shall send its draft flag State notification before the consultation, and the flag State and Japan will discuss and confirm the content of the notification. After the conclusion of the bilateral consultation, the flag State shall send the formal flag State notification to Japan through the diplomatic channel in principle, and Japan shall issue a letter that informs of its receipt to the flag State.

In addition, if competent organizations other than government agencies of a notifying flag State endorse and issue a document that proves that the products have been processed (See 3(8) for the details), names of such competent organizations shall be notified to Japan in the framework of the notification.

(3) Format of catch certificate

The sample format of the catch certificate is shown in Attachment 7. The format to be used for export to Japan shall be the one which has been submitted as part of the flag State notification. To prevent any falsification and fraudulent disclosures, all the catch certificates shall be validated by the competent authority(s) of the flag State and be managed with a distinctive/unique document number.

The information to be provided in the catch certificate is as follows:

(a) Validating authority;

Name of the competent authority that validates the catch certificate and a distinctive document number to identify the certificate shall be provided. In the case of using a chartered vessel of a State or region other than the flag State, the authority of the flag State of the

chartered vessel shall validate the catch certificate;

- (b) Fishing vessel information; (c) Product information; (d) Information on resource management; (e) Master of the fishing vessel;

(b) to (e) shall be completed by the master of the fishing vessel or the exporter who receives necessary information from the master except for the information on the verified weight landed. Regarding catch area(s) in (c) Product information, at least one of the followings is required:

- ① putting a check mark on the appropriate FAO Code box; and
- ② filling the name of the applicable RFMO(s) in the lower right box.

In (d), references of applicable conservation and management measures related to the species, for which the catch certificate has been adopted by the flag State concerned and is issued, shall be provided (e.g., restrictions on the number of fishing vessels, catch limits, etc.). The measures shall be national or international measures that the vessels have to observe. The verified weight landed shall be filled by the validating authority etc. if catches are weighted at landing by the authority;

- (f) Declaration of transshipment at sea;

In the case that transshipment was conducted at sea, this section is to be filled jointly by the masters of the fishing vessel and of the receiving vessel (or their representatives);

- (g) Transshipment authorization within a port area;

In the case that transshipment was conducted within a port area, this section is to be filled by the competent authority which is responsible for controls of transshipments in that port State;

- (h) Exporter; (j) Transport details;

Information of the exporter and details of the transportation route from the catch of fish to the next destination of country are to be filled by the exporter;

- (i) Flag State authority validation;

It is the responsibility of the competent flag State authority to validate the catch certificate for the fishery products which are exported to Japan. The authority shall validate the certificate and fill in this section when the authority does not have any doubts about the contents of the application submitted by the exporter.

- (k) Importer declaration;

The importer in Japan shall fill in the relevant information on this section before submitting the catch certificate; and

(l) Import control authority;

This section is to be filled by Japan's control authority, so there is no need to fill in.

(4) Establishment of catch certificate

The competent authority of the flag State that has provided the notification as stipulated in 3(2) validates the catch certificate in accordance with the following procedure:

- (i) Application for issuance of the catch certificate shall be submitted by the exporter to the competent authority of the flag State. The exporter shall request the master of the fishing vessel to fill in (b) to (e), or the exporter shall fill in (b) to (d) based on the information provided by the master. (h) and (j) shall be filled by the exporter. In the case that transshipment was conducted at sea, (f) shall be filled, and in the case that transshipment was conducted within a port area, (g) shall be filled (Please refer to 3(3) above for the person who shall fill in).
- (ii) Upon receiving an application, the competent authority of the flag State shall confirm the information of the application. The authority shall be responsible for confirming that all required information is filled in the catch certificate; there is no ground to doubt its exhaustiveness and accuracy and the compliance with applicable management and conservation measures. When the authority of the flag State verifies all of the necessary information, the authority shall fill in (a), sign and validate (i) in order to issue the catch certificate to the exporter;
- (iii) Once the exporter receives the validated catch certificate from the competent authority, the exporter shall send its original to the importer;
- (iv) Before the fishery products are imported, the importer shall fill in (k) and submit the certificate to the Japan Customs. The importer has the obligation to submit the certificate. When fishery products are imported into Japan via a third country other than the flag State, the documents listed in 3(8) are also required, and the importer has the obligation to submit these documents as well.

(5) Record keeping of catch certificate

It is advised that the authority of the flag State that validates the catch certificate keep a copy of the certificate in accordance with domestic laws and regulations of each flag State, so that the authority may prove that the authority properly validated the certificate when a problem arises.

(6) Use of Regional Fisheries Management Organization catch documents etc.

Certificates and any related documents validated in conformity with catch documentation schemes adopted by a regional fisheries management organization (RFMO), which are recognized as equivalent to the catch certificate under the Act, can be accepted as alternative catch certificates under Japan's catch documentation scheme. At present, however, no catch certificate or such document adopted by RFMOs is designated as an alternative for the

certificate since there is no Class II designated fish species which any RFMO catch documentation schemes cover.

(7) Simplified catch certificate

For catches from small-scale fishing vessels that meet one of the following four criteria and which are landed in the flag State of those vessels and which together constitute one consignment, a simplified catch certificate referred to Attachment 8 may be used.

- ① with an overall length less than 12 meters without towed gear; or
- ② with an overall length of less than 8 meters with towed gear; or
- ③ without a superstructure; or
- ④ of less than measured 20 Gross Tonnes (GT).

The simplified catch certificate shall be validated by the competent authority of the flag State.

(8) Indirect importation and Outsourced processing of fishery products

When importing Class II fishery products into Japan via a third country other than the flag State, the importer shall submit additional documents. In this case, documents required to be submitted vary depending on whether the processing is conducted in a third country or not.

(a) In the case that the fishery products are imported into Japan after being processed in a third country, the following documents are required:

- The catch certificate validated by the competent authority of the flag State that certifies that the catch is caught legitimately; and
- A document endorsed by the competent authority etc. of the processing State (such as processing statement), which gives an exact description of the unprocessed and processed products and their respective quantities and indicates that the processed products have been processed in that third country from catches accompanied by the catch certificate(s) validated by the flag State (See Attachment 9).

(b) In the case that the fishery products are imported into Japan without being processed in a third country, the following documents are required:

- The catch certificate validated by the competent authority of the flag State that certifies that the catch is caught legitimately; and
- Either of the following documents indicating that the fishery products did not undergo any operations other than unloading, reloading, or any operations designated to preserve them in a good and genuine condition in a third country, and that the products were under the supervision of the competent authority of the third country:
 - A document indicating the transportation route of the products from the flag State to the third country; or
 - A document issued by the authority in the third country, which provides details of the fishery products concerned, dates of unloading and reloading, names of the vessels or

other means of transport, and conditions of the products in the third country.

In the case that the fishery products are processed in a third country, the processing plant shall declare that the processed fishery products were originated from catches accompanied by a certificate validated by the competent authority of the flag State, and the government of the third country where the products were processed shall endorse the document (such as processing statement). In the case that the fishery products are processed or handled in a bonded area, competent organizations other than government authorities may endorse the document as appropriate. The competent organizations shall be designated and consulted with Japan during the bilateral consultation and notified to Japan in the framework of the flag State notification as stipulated in 3(2). In this case, the notified organizations will be published on the website of the Fisheries Agency of Japan.

The case in which the fishery products originated from catches in Japan are exported to a third country and the products or their re-processed products are imported back into Japan (outsourced processing) is also under the catch documentation scheme.

4. Electronic Procedure

The procedures under the catch documentation scheme described in 3 above may be established, validated or submitted by electronic means or be replaced by electronic traceability systems which ensure the same level of control by authorities. The use of electronic means by a flag State shall be consulted with Japan during the bilateral consultation stipulated in 3(2).

5. Documentary Checks

Catch certificates and other documents indicated in 3 will be checked when Class II fishery products are imported into Japan. When conducting such checks, consideration will be made to avoid useless delays in the import of the fishery products.

6. Verification

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries may, to the extent necessary for the enforcement of the Act, request operators who engage in the import business of Class II fishery products and other operators concerned to make necessary reports, etc. and conduct necessary verification by means such as on-site inspections at the place of business and/or boarding inspections.

7. Other Legislation Applicable to Fishery Products

Other legislation which applies to imported and/or exported products such as the Food Sanitation Act, and each of such laws and regulations in Japan remains without effecting this Act and vice-versa, and they shall have their own regulatory effects independently.

8. Language to be used

English shall be used for the flag State notification, the catch certificate and other relevant documents to be submitted to Japan. Languages other than English can also be used, provided that corresponding English is written next to the original text or English-translated version of the exact same format is attached.

9. Others

The information provided in this Technical Note is outlined in the Ministerial Ordinance and other relevant rules. In addition, FAQs on implementation of the catch documentation scheme will be available.

Items Subject to the Catch Documentation Scheme

Of items classified under each statistical code number in Japan's Tariff Schedule (January 1 2021) shown below, those items that include Squid and Cuttle fish, Pacific saury (*Cololabis spp.*), Mackerel (*Scomber spp.*), and Sardine (*Sardinops spp.*) shall be subject to the catch documentation scheme.

As for the statistical code numbers highlighted green, if the fish are processed in a third country, a document (such as processing statement) that indicates the processed products have been processed in that third country and is endorsed by the competent authority of the government, etc. of the third country shall be submitted in addition to the catch certificate.

For more details on Japan's Tariff Schedule, please refer to the Japan Customs' website (<https://www.customs.go.jp/english/tariff/index.htm>).

Based on Japan's Tariff Schedule (January 1 2021)

Statistical Code Number	Item	Species designated as
		Class II
0301 99 210	IQ fishes (Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Tara (<i>Gadus spp.</i> , <i>Theragra spp.</i> and <i>Merluccius spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), and Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>)) (excluding fry for cultivation) (live)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0302 43 100	Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>) (fresh, chilled)	Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0302 44 000	Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i> , <i>Scomber australasicus</i> , <i>Scomber japonicus</i>) (fresh, chilled)	Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)
0302 49 100	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis saira</i>) and scads (<i>Decapterus spp.</i>) (fresh, chilled)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>)
0302 89 190	Other IQ fishes (Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), red-eye round herring (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i>)) (fresh, chilled)	Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)
0302 99 910	Fish offal of Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Tara (<i>Gadus spp.</i> , <i>Theragra spp.</i> and <i>Merluccius spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> , and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (excluding maws) (fresh, chilled)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0303 53 100	Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>) (frozen)	Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0303 54 000	Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i> , <i>Scomber australasicus</i> , <i>Scomber japonicus</i>) (frozen)	Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)
0303 59 120	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis saira</i>) (frozen)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>)
0303 89 129	Other IQ fishes (Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), red-eye round herring (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i>)) (frozen)	Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)
0303 99 912	Fish offal of Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i> , <i>Scomber australasicus</i> , <i>Scomber japonicus</i>) (excluding maws) (frozen)	Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)
0303 99 919	Fish offal of Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> , and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (excluding maws) (frozen)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0304 49 100	Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), and Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (fillet) (fresh, chilled)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0304 59 100	Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> , and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (fish meat) (fresh, chilled)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0304 89 100	Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> , and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (fillet) (frozen)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0304 99 120	Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> , and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (fish meat) (frozen)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)

0305	39	210	Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> , and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (fillet) (salted, dried)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0305	54	100	Herrings (<i>Clupea harengus</i> , <i>Clupea pallasii</i>), Iwashi (<i>Sardinops spp.</i> and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i> , <i>Scomber australasicus</i> , <i>Scomber japonicus</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis saira</i>) (dried)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0305	59	020	IQ fishes (Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), red-eye round herring (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i>)) (dried)	Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)
0305	69	091	Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Tara (<i>Gadus spp.</i> , <i>Theragra spp.</i> and <i>Merluccius spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , and <i>Sardinops spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (salted)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0305	79	222	Edible fish offal of Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Tara (<i>Gadus spp.</i> , <i>Theragra spp.</i> and <i>Merluccius spp.</i> excluding cod), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> , <i>Sardinops spp.</i> , and <i>Engraulis spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (dried)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0305	79	324	Edible fish offal of Nishin (<i>Clupea spp.</i>), Tara (<i>Gadus spp.</i> , <i>Theragra spp.</i> and <i>Merluccius spp.</i>), Buri (<i>Seriola spp.</i>), Saba (<i>Scomber spp.</i>), Iwashi (<i>Etrumeus spp.</i> and <i>Sardinops spp.</i>), Aji (<i>Trachurus spp.</i> and <i>Decapterus spp.</i>), Samma (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) (salted)	Pacific saury (<i>Cololabis spp.</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>) Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
0307	42	010	Mongo ika (live, fresh, and chilled)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	42	090	Squids and cuttle fishes excluding Mongo ika (live, fresh, and chilled)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	43	010	Mongo ika (frozen)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	43	020	Neon flying squid (<i>Ommastrephes bartramii</i>) (frozen)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	43	030	Japanese flying squid (<i>Todarodes pacificus</i>), Jumbo flying squid (<i>Dosidicus gigas</i>), Japanese squid (<i>Lololus spp.</i>), Shortfin squid (<i>Illex spp.</i>) and Sparkling enope squid (<i>Watasenia scintillans</i>) (frozen)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	43	090	Squids and cuttle fishes excluding Mongo ika, Neon flying squid (<i>Ommastrephes bartramii</i>), Japanese flying squid (<i>Todarodes pacificus</i>), Jumbo flying squid (<i>Dosidicus gigas</i>), Japanese squid (<i>Lololus spp.</i>), Shortfin squid (<i>Illex spp.</i>) and Sparkling enope squid (<i>Watasenia scintillans</i>) (frozen)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	49	210	Mongo ika (salted, dried)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	49	290	Squids and cuttle fishes excluding Mongo ika (salted, dried)	Cuttle fish and Squid
0307	49	500	Squids and cuttle fishes (smoked)	Cuttle fish and Squid
1604	13	010	Prepared sardines, sardinella and brisling or sprats products (in airtight containers)	Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
1604	13	090	Prepared sardines, sardinella and brisling or sprats products (excluding airtight containers)	Sardine (<i>Sardinops spp.</i>)
1604	15	000	Prepared mackerel products	Mackerel (<i>Scomber spp.</i>)
1605	54	100	Prepared cuttle fish and squid (smoked)	Cuttle fish and Squid
1605	54	911	Prepared cuttle fish and squid (in airtight containers) (excluding the smoked) (containing rice)	Cuttle fish and Squid
1605	54	919	Prepared cuttle fish and squid (excluding the smoked) (excluding containing rice)	Cuttle fish and Squid
1605	54	991	Prepared cuttle fish and squid (excluding airtight containers) (excluding the smoked) (containing rice)	Cuttle fish and Squid
1605	54	999	Prepared cuttle fish and squid (excluding airtight containers) (excluding the smoked) (excluding containing rice)	Cuttle fish and Squid

Sample

Flag State Notification on Japan's Catch Documentation Scheme under Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants

(Name of the competent authority(ies) of the flag State) notify(s) the Fisheries Agency of Japan (FAJ) of the following information as concluded in the consultation with FAJ. (Name of the competent authority(ies) of the flag State) has a sufficient system in place to attest the veracity of the information on the legality of the products concerned contained in catch certificates on Japan's catch documentation scheme under Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants for Class II Aquatic Animals and Plants.

1. National arrangements for implementation, control and enforcement of laws, regulations which regulate illegal fishing and conservation and management measures which must be complied with by our fishing vessels.
2. Name, address, and seal/stamp of the competent authority(s) that is(are) empowered to implement the followings:
 - Manage registration of fishing vessels under our flag (Appendix 1);
 - Grant, suspend or withdraw of fishing licenses to our fishing vessels (Appendix 2);
 - Implement, control and enforce relevant laws, regulations and conservation and management measures against our fishing vessels (Appendix 3); and
 - Verify information in and subsequently validate the catch certificate (Appendix 4).
3. Format of the catch certificate (Appendix 5).
4. Use of electronic means, if applicable.

Sample

<Appendix 1: Public authorities empowered to manage registration of fishing vessels>

No.	Sub-No.		Public authority	Official seal print
1		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
2		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
3		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
4		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
5		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
6		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
7		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
8		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		

Sample

<Appendix 2: Public authorities empowered to grant, suspend or withdraw of fishing licenses>

No.	Sub-No.		Public authority	Official seal print
1		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
2		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
3		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
4		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
5		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
6		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
7		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
8		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		

Sample

<Appendix 3 : Public authorities empowered to implement, control and enforce relevant laws, regulations and conservation and management measures>

No.	Sub-No.		Public authority	Official seal print
1		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
2		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
3		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
4		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
5		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
6		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
7		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
8		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		

Sample

<Appendix 4 : Public authorities empowered to verify information in and subsequently validate catch certificates>

No.	Sub-No.		Public authority	Official seal print
1		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
2		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
3		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
4		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
5		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
6		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
7		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		
8		Name		
		Address		
		Phone number		

Sample

Catch Certificate for Class II Aquatic Animals and Plants under Article 11 of Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants

(a) Validating authority					
Document number:			Name of validating authority		
Name and title of official:		Address of the authority:		Tel./Fax	
(b) Fishing vessel information					
Fishing vessel name:		Flag - Home port and registration number:	Call sign:		IMO/Lloyd's number/Unique Vessel Identifier (if issued):
Fishing license No – Valid to			Inmarsat No/Fax No/Telephone No/E-mail address (if issued):		
(c) Product information				(d) Resource management	
Description of product:		Type of processing authorized on board:		Reference of applicable conservation and management measures:	
Species:	JPN import statistical code :	Catch dates:	Estimated live weight (kg):	Estimated weight to be landed (kg):	Verified weight landed (kg) where appropriate:
Catch area : Put a check mark to the appropriate box.					
FAO Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> 47 (Atlantic, Southeast) <input type="checkbox"/> 48 (Atlantic, Antarctic) <input type="checkbox"/> 51 (Indian Ocean, Western) <input type="checkbox"/> 57 (Indian Ocean, Eastern) <input type="checkbox"/> 58 (Indian Ocean, Antarctic) <input type="checkbox"/> 61 (Pacific, Northwest) <input type="checkbox"/> 67 (Pacific, Northeast) <input type="checkbox"/> 71 (Pacific, Western Central)		<input type="checkbox"/> 77 (Pacific, Eastern Central) <input type="checkbox"/> 81 (Pacific, Southwest) <input type="checkbox"/> 87 (Pacific, Southeast) <input type="checkbox"/> 88 (Pacific, Antarctic)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 (Arctic Sea) <input type="checkbox"/> 21 (Atlantic, Northwest) <input type="checkbox"/> 27 (Atlantic, Northeast) <input type="checkbox"/> 31 (Atlantic, Western Central) <input type="checkbox"/> 34 (Atlantic, Eastern Central) <input type="checkbox"/> 37 (Mediterranean and Black Sea) <input type="checkbox"/> 41 (Atlantic, Southwest)				Applicable RFMOs, if any	
(e) Master of fishing vessel					
Name of master of fishing vessel – Signature – Seal:					

(f) Declaration of transshipment at sea				
Name of master of fishing vessel:	Signature and date:	Transshipment date/area/position:	Estimated weight (kg):	
Master of receiving vessel:	Signature:	Vessel name:	Call sign:	IMO/Lloyd's number (if issued):
(g) Transshipment authorization within a port area				
Name and title of official:	Name of authority:	Signature:	Address of authority:	Tel.:
Port of landing;	Date of landing:	Seal (stamp):		
(h) Exporter:				
Name and address of exporter:	Signature:	Date:	Seal (stamp):	
(i) Flag State authority validation				
Name/Title:	Signature:	Date:	Seal (stamp):	
(j) Transport details (see Annex)				
(k) Importer declaration				
Name and address of importer:	Signature:	Date:	Seal:	JPN import statistical code:
Documents required for import via a third country:				
(l) Import control authority				

Transport details

Country of exportation:				
Port/airport/other place of departure:				
Exporter signature:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vessel name and flag State• Flight number/airway bill number• Truck nationality and registration number• Railway bill number• Other transport document	Container number (s) (List attached):	Name:	Address:	Signature:

Sample

Catch Certificate for Class II Aquatic Animals and Plants under Article 11 of Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Specified Aquatic Animals and Plants (Simplified form for small-scale fishing vessels)

(a) Validating authority				
Document number:		Validating authority (Name, address, tel., fax):		
(b) Product information			(c) Resource management	
Description of product:			Reference of applicable conservation and management measures:	
Species:		JPN import statistical code:	Verified weight landed (kg) (if applicable):	
(d) List of vessels that have provided catches and the quantities by each vessel (name, registration number, etc. annexed):				
(e) Exporter				
Name and address of exporter:	Signature:	Date:	Seal (stamp):	
(f) Flag State authority validation				
Name/title:	Signature:	Date:	Seal (stamp)	
(g) Transport details (see Annex)				
(h) Importer declaration				
Name and address of Importer:	Signature:	Date:	Seal (Stamp):	JPN import statistical code:
Documents required for import via a third country:				
(i) Import control authority				

Sample

Processing Statement of Class II Aquatic Animals and Plants under Article 11 of Act on Ensuring the Proper Domestic Distribution and Importation of Aquatic Animals and Plants

I confirm that the processed fishery product _____ (Product description and Japanese import statistical code) have been obtained from catches imported under the catch certificate(s) as follows.

Catch certificate number:	Vessel name(s) and Flag(s)	Validation date(s):	Catch description:	Total landed weight (kg):	Catch Processed (fishery products) (kg):	Processed fishery product (kg):

Name and address of the processing plant:

Name and address of the exporter (if different from the processing plant):

Responsible person of the processing plant:	Signature:	Date:	Place:
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Endorsement by the competent authority:

Name of official, title, and authority	Signature:	Date:	Place:
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