

Requirements for catches stemming from the Caspian Sea

The IUU Regulation has a wide scope of application and applies to all maritime waters. The legal status of the Caspian Sea, it being a lake or a sea is still not clarified. Pending this clarification, catches stemming from the Caspian Sea fall outside the scope of the IUU Regulation and are thus not required to be accompanied by a validated catch certificate on import to the EC.

However, flag States bordering the Caspian Sea which have vessels engaged in fishing activities in other maritime waters have obliged to notify DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of its competent authorities under Article 20 of the EC IUU Regulation since their catches are required to be accompanied by a validated catch certificate to allow importation into the EC.

All countries bordering the Caspian Sea have been notified of this.