

Regulation on IUU fishing

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// abstract:

This regulation creates a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU fishing). The regulation stipulates which activities are considered as IUU fishing. Furthermore, the conditions under which fishing vessels of non-EU Member States can call at a Member State's port, as well as the regulation regarding the inspections of those ships in the ports are discussed. A catch certification system for the import and export of fishing products is installed to prevent the import and export of IUU fishery products. In the regulation, a Community alert system is developed, designed to spread information about well-founded doubts as to compliance by certain third countries with the applicable rules. The identification of fishing vessels engaged in IUU fishing is discussed, and such vessels can be included in a Community IUU vessel list. Non-EU Member States that do not cooperate are identified and listed. The regulation also provides for measures against fishing vessels and states involved in IUU fishing. Finally, the sanctions are determined, and rules are fixed to be applied when IUU fishing is observed.