UN/FLUX for catch certificates

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Why catch certificates?

- **EU IUU Regulation (No 1005/2008)**
  - catch certification scheme for imports of fishery products.
  - catch certificates accompany every consignment coming into the EU
  - to ensure that fish was caught legally
  - in force already for 10 years (since 1 January 2010)

- **Paper vs Electronic**
  - **CATCH** system replaces paper
  - web-based IT application
  - procedures are automated
  - now available to EU stakeholders (authorities and operators)
  - in planning for third countries
Catch certification schemes/catch documentation schemes (CCS/CDS)

• **Purpose**
  - to track the international trade of fishery products from catch/landing to the final market
  - to prevent international trade of illegally caught fish

• **Existing schemes**
  - [EU Catch Certification Scheme](#) (all marine caught fish with some exemptions) – CATCH IT
  - [ICCAT eBCD](#) (electronic Bluefin tuna catch document programme)
  - [CCAMLR CDS](#) for Dissostichus spp (catch documentation scheme for toothfish)
  - [CCSBT CDS](#) (catch documentation scheme for southern bluefin tuna)

• **2017: FAO Voluntary Guidelines on catch documentation schemes will pave the way for even more regional and possibly national schemes**
Workflow

Flag State
- vessel lands fish
- fish is exported to EU
- catch certificate is required
- validating authority

Processing State
- processing plant
- processing statement doc
- endorsing authority

Destination
- importer
- importer declaration doc
- verifying authorities
FLUX for CATCH

• CATCH is already up and running
  – manual data entry by EU operators (burdensome and inefficient)
  – requests from third countries to implement web-services (system to system) communication
  – it needs a single IT solution for data exchanges between more than 90 countries

UN/FLUX standard is the solution

a new FLUX domain for catch certificates and catch documentation schemes