

Council Regulation (EC) No 1984/2003 of 8 April 2003  
introducing a system for the statistical monitoring of trade in  
bluefin tuna swordfish and bigeye tuna within the Community

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Article 1*

**Object**

This Regulation lays down general rules and conditions for the application by the Community of:

- (a) the statistical document programmes for [<sup>F1</sup>bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*)], swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) and bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) adopted by the ‘ICCAT’;
- (b) the statistical document programme for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) adopted by the ‘IOTC’.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Deleted by Regulation (EU) No 640/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 establishing a catch documentation programme for bluefin tuna *Thunnus thynnus* and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1984/2003.

*Article 2*

**Scope**

This Regulation shall apply to [<sup>F1</sup>bluefin tuna], swordfish and bigeye tuna as referred to in Article 1:

- (a) caught by a Community vessel or producer, or
- (b) imported into the Community, or
- (c) exported or re-exported from the Community to a third country.

This Regulation shall not apply to bigeye tuna taken by seiners or baitboats and intended mainly for the canning industry in the areas of application of the Agreement for the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (hereinafter called ‘the IOTC Agreement’) and the ICCAT Convention.

**Textual Amendments**

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### Article 3

#### Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) [F1 . . . . .]
- (b) swordfish: fish of the species *Xiphias gladius* falling within the TARIC codes listed in Annex II;
- (c) bigeye tuna: fish of the species *Thunnus obesus* falling within the TARIC codes listed in Annex III;
- (d) fishing: capture by a vessel with a view to landing, transhipment or placing in a cage or by a producer using a tuna trap net, of any fish belonging to one of the species listed in Article 1;
- (e) Community producer: natural persons or legal entities using the means of production for obtaining fishery products with a view to first-stage marketing;
- (f) importation: the customs procedures referred to in Article 4, points 16(a) to 16(f), of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code<sup>(1)</sup>[F2;]
- (g) [F3]large-scale fishing vessel: fishing vessel 20 metres in length overall or greater;
- (h) large-scale pelagic longline vessel: pelagic longline vessel 24 metres in length overall or greater.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Deleted by Regulation (EU) No 640/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 establishing a catch documentation programme for bluefin tuna *Thunnus thynnus* and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1984/2003.
- F2** Substituted by Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EC) No 1984/2003 and (EC) No 520/2007.
- F3** Inserted by Regulation (EU) 2017/2107 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EC) No 1984/2003 and (EC) No 520/2007.

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- (1) [OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1](#). Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2700/2000 ([OJ L 311, 12.12.2000, p. 17](#)).

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- Art. 2(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/753 reg. 13\(3\)\(a\)](#)
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- Art. 6(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/753 reg. 13\(10\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 6(2)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2019/753 reg. 13\(10\)\(b\)](#)