

Electronic Logbook Software Systems

A guide to reporting fishing activities in Norwegian waters.

NORWEGIAN WATERS (SOUTH OF 62° NORTH) : DEMERSAL FISHERIES



This guidance is intended to assist masters of UK fishing vessels over 15m (overall length) reporting fishing activities when operating in Norwegian waters. The electronic fishing activity reports are transmitted to the UK electronic hub and are routed to Norway, based on the reports being completed correctly to allow for forward transmission. This guidance details the associated reporting requirements and rules Norway have adopted:

General

Norway will commence enforcement of electronic reporting requirements from 15th September 2011.






Norwegian legislation states that the master of a vessel intending on fishing in Norwegian waters **must** ensure that the electronic reporting system is functioning satisfactorily before fishing operations begin in Norwegian waters.

Masters **must** ensure their electronic logbook system records and reports in UTC at all times.

Reports transmitted to the UK will receive an acknowledged (ACK) or not acknowledged (NAK) receipt. However, it should be borne in mind that a message which receives an acknowledgement does not imply that it has been transmitted successfully to Norway. When a report has been transmitted to Norway Marine Scotland will endeavour to return to the master of the vessel a copy of the acknowledgement or not acknowledged messages Norway has transmitted.

Catch on entry (COE)

To commence fishing in Norwegian waters masters must send a catch on entry report (COE) at the earliest 12 hours and at the latest one hour prior to entering the zone. The report **must** include the following information:

-  fishing effort zone code 'NO'
-  estimated date and time (UTC) when fishing will commence
-  directed species (only one species e.g. HAD haddock)
-  target species (e.g. demersal, scallops) estimated position where fishing is to commence
-  ICES area (e.g. 4a) where fishing is to commence






If there's catch on board the vessel prior to entering Norwegian waters then this must be declared also in the catch on entry report.

Fishing activity report (FAR)

After a catch on entry (COE) has been sent then masters must transmit a fishing activity report (FAR)

at least once a day and at the latest 23:59 (UTC) providing details of **all hauls (recorded separately) and associated catches** in the period 00:00-23:59 (UTC). If further fishing operations end after the catch report has been sent but before 23:59 then a new report shall be submitted for these fishing operations.

The fishing activity report **must** include the following information:





-  gear used and mesh size if applicable gear
-  shot record including start zone 'NOR' gear
-  retrieved record
-  species caught in live weight (kgs)
-  ICES areas and statistical rectangle where fish caught, including economic zone 'NOR'

(N.B. ROE should not be recorded on the FAR)

Norway have stipulated that a fishing activity report must be completed before the vessel enters a different ICES area (e.g. IVa to IVb).

Fishing activity reports recorded for Norwegian waters may only be corrected up to 12:00 UTC of the following day or if applicable up until a prior notification of arrival to port (PNO) or catch on exit (COX) report has been sent.

A fishing activity report shall be transmitted at least once a day even when no fishing has taken place. In addition a fishing activity report shall also be sent:

-  at time of inspection at sea
-  before the catch on exit report is sent
-  before vessel enters another ICES area
-  before a prior notification of arrival to a Norwegian port is sent

A master who chooses to discontinue fishing less than 4 hours before exiting the zone must, regardless of when the last FAR report was sent, send a FAR report at the earliest 6 hours and latest 4 hours before exiting the Norwegian EEZ. A final FAR would be transmitted before the catch on exit message is transmitted.

Norway refers to FAR reports as daily catch reports (DCA).

Catch on exit (COX)

Masters shall send a catch on exit report (COX) report at the latest 4 hours before exiting Norwegian waters.

A master who chooses to discontinue fishing less than 4 hours before exiting the zone shall send a catch on exit report one hour before leaving Norwegian waters. See fishing activity report (FAR) section on rules relating to submission of catch information for this situation.

The catch on exit report must include fishing activity zone code 'NO' in the report. If this code is not provided the report will not be transmitted to Norway.

Prior notification of arrival (PNO)

Masters must transmit a prior notification of arrival into port message no later than 2 hours before arriving at a Norwegian port. The master must report total catches on board and total catches intended to be landed.

Landing at a Norwegian Port

If landing at a port in Norway masters must continue to adhere to the IUU reporting obligations relating to catch certification, prior notification and pre-landing declarations which are submitted separately.

Further Information

If you require any further information or wish to clarify any of the information contained within this document then please do not hesitate to contact **Marine Scotland**:

UK Fisheries Management Centre

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Departure from port (DEP)

When a master departs from a Norwegian port and intends to fish in Norwegian waters there's no requirement to submit a catch on entry message (COE).

Technical failure or non functioning

In the event of a technical failure or non functioning of an e-logbook system the master must contact his electronic logbook supplier helpdesk and report the fault to UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre (UKFMC) as soon as possible. If the failure occurs in Norwegian waters then the Norwegian FMC will be informed of the failure by the UKFMC.

When a failure occurs the master, owner or representative of the vessel must submit logbook and landing data manually to the UKFMC on a daily basis and by no later than 23:59 UTC. The UKFMC contact details are as follows:

Email: UKFMC@gov.scot
Tel: +44 (0) 131 271 9700
Fax: +44 (0) 131 244 6471

A UK vessel must not leave a port, following a technical failure or with a non functioning electronic logbook system, before it's functioning to the satisfaction of the Marine Monitoring Centre or otherwise authorised to leave the port by the UKFMC:

Tel: +44 (0) 131 271 9700.

If the vessel is in a Norwegian port the UKFMC will notify the Norwegian FMC when an authorisation to sail with a non functioning system has been provided.