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Final Rule to Implement the ICCAT eBCD System



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Background

- **2010:** ICCAT adopted Recommendation 10-11 to develop an electronic bluefin tuna catch documentation system (eBCD system)
- **2013:** ICCAT set implementation date for March 1, 2015
- **2014:** ICCAT decided system would not be fully developed by deadline
- **October 2015:** Proposed rule to implement eBCD system published October 9, 2015 (80 FR 61146)
- **November 2015:** ICCAT adopted Recommendation 15-10 setting the implementation date for May 1, 2016

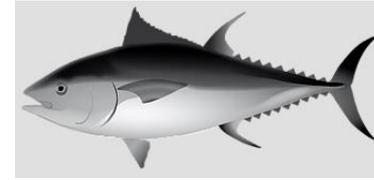


Timeline

- Final rule to implement eBCD system is expected to publish late March/early April 2016
- ICCAT eBCD Working Group meeting April 2016
- Public webinars late April and early May 2016
- Rec. 15-10 implementation date May 1, 2016



eBCD System



- eBCD system builds on paper-based BCD program
 - Used by HMS International Trade Permit (ITP) holders
 - Required for all imports, exports, or re-exports of bluefin tuna
 - Validated by exporting or re-exporting country
 - Except for tagged fish in CPCs where all bluefin tuna available for sale are tagged and meet minimum tagging standards in Rec. 15-10
- eBCD system available for training and use on voluntary basis prior to May 1
 - Contact customer service to create a user account – (301) 427-8589, nmfs.ebcd@noaa.gov

eBCD System – <https://etuna.iccat.int>

eBCD

Electronic Bluefin tuna catch document



Welcome

Welcome to the eBCD web for the management of the electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Documents and the Re-export Certificates. This system seeks an "in real time" traceability of bluefin tuna caught in ICCAT Convention waters from catch to marketing, streamlining bureaucratic procedures in documents' validation.

Enter your user name and password.
If you don't have a user account,
[request an account](#) or check the [status of an account request](#)

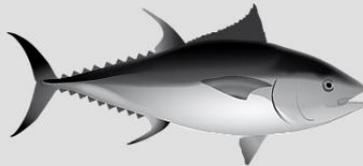


User name:

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Login



The screenshot shows the eBCD system dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the eBCD logo and a fish icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a blue header containing links for Home, BCD and BFTRC Registry, Users Registration, Registry, and Help. The main content area features a section titled "Frequent operations" with a sub-header "Below you will find links to the most usual operations." This section contains six icons representing different operations: Search BCD, Register new catch, Register new Transshipment in port, Register new Trade, Register new BFTRC, and Search BFTRC. At the bottom of the dashboard, there is a footer with the ICCAT logo and the text "ICCAT | International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas - Contact".



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Creation of New eBCD

Other system functions:

- Export: add trade information to eBCD
- Import: view and sign eBCD, email notification
- Re-export: create re-export certificate

▶ Catch Information

Campaign

Date Time GMT

Stock

▶ Vessel Information

Flag

Search

Vessel

National Registration Number

Pavilion/CPC

Catch , Kg

▶ Catch Description

No. of Fish

Total Weight , Kg

AVG. Weight(Kg) , Kg

Notes

Area

Gear

[Add Tags \(if applicable\)](#)

Tag Code	Weight	Product type	Product presentation
05-99999	150 Kg	F - Fresh	DR - Dressed weight
05-99991	100 Kg	F - Fresh	DR - Dressed weight

▶ Trade companies

Company
ABC FISH COMPANY

Tags (if applicable)

▶ Import File

▶ Manual Input

Tag Code

Weight , Kg

Product type

Product presentation

Creation of eBCD- Tagged Fish Exempt from Validation

The screenshot shows the NOAA Fisheries BCD and BFTRC Registry web application. The navigation bar includes links for Home, BCD and BFTRC Registry, Users Registration, and Help. The main content area displays a record for US15900001, dated 8/13/2015. A green information box states: "This BCD meets the necessary criteria to consider the section EXEMPTED of validation. If you decide to send to validate the section, this exemption will be lost and the following sections must also be validated." Below this, the "Catch Information" section shows the date as 8/13/2015 at 6:09 PM GMT, and the stock as West Bluefin Tuna.

If a user inadvertently clicks “send for validation” they will have to wait until the government authority clears it.

Final eBCD with Catch and Trade

1. ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA CATCH DOCUMENT (BCD)		N°:	US15900001-TD01	
2. CATCH INFORMATION				
VESSEL / TRAP INFORMATION				
NAME OF THE CATCHING VESSEL / TRAP	Flag/CPC	NATIONAL REGISTRATION No.	INDIVIDUAL QUOTA	CATCH
LADY ANN	U.S.A.	11112345	0 Kg	250 Kg
CATCH DESCRIPTION				
DATE(dd/mm/yy)	13/Aug/15	AREA	West Atlantic	GEAR
				Harpoon
No. of FISH	2	TOTALWEIGHT(kg)	250	AVG. WEIGHT (kg)
				125
ICCAT RECORD No. of Joint Fishing Operation				
TAGS Numbers (if applicable)				
2				
GOVERNMENT VALIDATION				
NAME OF AUTHORITY	Exempt validation in the context of Rec 11-20			
TITLE	(This is an electronic BCD Document)			
SIGNATURE				
DATE(dd/mm/yy)				

UNITED STATES BLUEFIN TUNA CATCH DOCUMENT		Document No.	
1. CATCH INFORMATION			
A. VESSEL			
ATVP NO:		FLAG:	US
NAME:		ICCAT RECORD NO.:	
B. CATCH DESCRIPTION			
LANDING DATE (ddmm/yy):		AREA:	West Atlantic
NO. FISH:		AVG WT (KG):	
TOTAL WT (KG):		GEAR:	
C. GOVT. VALIDATION			
NAME OF AUTHORITY:		TITLE:	
SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
SEAL			

8. TRADE INFORMATION						
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION (indicate net weight in kg. for each type of product)						
F	RD(kg): 0	GG(kg): 0	DR(kg): 100	FL(kg): 0	OT(kg): 0	TOTALWEIGHT(kg) 100
FR	RD(kg): 0	GG(kg): 0	DR(kg): 0	FL(kg): 0	OT(kg): 0	TOTALWEIGHT(kg) 0
EXPORTER / SELLER						
POINT OF EXPORTATION/DEPARTURE		COMPANY		ADDRESS		
Boston		ABC FISH COMPANY		123 AMBERJACK LANE, BOSTON MA		
STATE OF DESTINATION		Japan				
SIGNATURE	Jack Crevalle					
DATE(dd/mm/yy)	13/Aug/15					
TRANSPORTATION DESCRIPTION (Relevant documentation to be attached)						
GOVERNMENT VALIDATION						
NAME OF AUTHORITY	Exempt validation in the context of Rec 11-20					
TITLE	(This is an electronic BCD Document)					
SIGNATURE	TBZNK21L7z1pLi8					
DATE(dd/mm/yy)						
IMPORTER / BUYER						
COMPANY	EAST JAPAN TRADING CO.,LTD		PT. of IMPORT/DESTINATION	Tokyo, Japan		
			(City, Country, State)			
ADDRESS	FUKUSHIMA-KEN					
DATE(dd/mm/yy)	SIGNATURE					
ANNEX(ES)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (circle one)					

2. TAG INFORMATION & PRODUCT DESCRIPTION				
TAG #:	WT (KG):	Product Type		Product Type Descriptions
ABT - - - -		F/FR	RD/GG/DR/FL/OT	F = Fresh
ABT - - - -				FR = Frozen
ABT - - - -				RD = Round
ABT - - - -				GG = Gilled&Gutted
ABT - - - -				DR = Dressed
ABT - - - -				FL = Fillet
ABT - - - -				OT = Other
ABT - - - -				
ABT - - - -				
ABT - - - -				

3. TRADE INFORMATION			
A. EXPORTER/SELLER			
COMPANY:		LICENSE NO.:	
ADDRESS:	STREET	CITY:	STATE OR PROVINCE
NET WT (kg):		SIGNATURE:	
B. POINT OF EXPORT/DEPARTURE:			
CITY:		STATE:	DESTINATION COUNTRY:
COUNTRY:	USA	DATE:	
C. TRANSPORTATION DESCRIPTION (ensure documents are available at import)			
D. GOVT VALIDATION			
NAME OF AUTHORITY:		TITLE:	
SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
SEAL			
E. IMPORTER/BUYER			
COMPANY:		LICENSE NO.:	
ADDRESS:	STREET	CITY:	STATE OR PROVINCE
SIGNATURE:			
F. POINT OF IMPORT			
CITY:		STATE OR PROVINCE:	
COUNTRY:		DATE:	

1. ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA CATCH DOCUMENT (BCD)		N°:	US15900001	
APPENDIX I : CATCH.TAGS				
1 / 1				
Tag Number	Weight	Product type	Product Shape	
05-99999	150	F-Fresh	DR-Dressed weight	
05-99991	100	F-Fresh	DR-Dressed weight	

Resources and Contacts

- eBCD System: <https://etuna.iccat.int>
- User manual will be posted at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms
- Public webinars on eBCD system will be held in late April and early May. Details will be in final rule FRN and listserv notice.
- eBCD System Customer Service-
(301) 427-8589, nmfs.ebcd@noaa.gov
- Carrie Soltanoff-
(301) 427-8503, carrie.soltanoff@noaa.gov



Questions?