

ICCAT BLUEFIN STATISTICAL DOCUMENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

Pursuant to the 1992 ICCAT recommendation, bluefin tuna imported into the territory of a Contracting Party or upon first entry into a regional economic organization must be accompanied by an ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document (BSD) beginning June 1, 1994. Tuna dealers who export or import bluefin will be required to complete the appropriate sections of the BSD. Only complete and valid documents will guarantee that shipments of bluefin tuna will be allowed to enter the customs territory of Contracting Parties (e.g., Japan, Canada, U.S., Spain, etc.). Improperly documented bluefin tuna shipments (i.e., the BSD is either missing from the shipment, incomplete, invalid or falsified) will be considered illegitimate and contrary to ICCAT conservation efforts. Entry of improperly documented bluefin tuna will be suspended (PENDING RECEIPT OF A PROPERLY COMPLETED DOCUMENT) into the customs territory of a Contracting Party or subject to administrative or other sanctions.

Please use the instructions below as a guide to complete the sections that apply to Exporters, Importers, and Government Validation. If a language other than English is used for description, please add an English translation either on the BSD or on a separate paper. Note: if a bluefin tuna product is exported directly from the harvesting country to a contracting party, without going through an intermediate country, all fish can be identified on one document. However, if the bluefin tuna product is exported through an intermediate country (i.e., a country other than the country which is the final destination of the product), separate documents must be prepared for fish destined for different final destinations, or only one fish may be identified on a document to cope with any possible separation in an intermediate country. Import of bluefin tuna parts other than meat (i.e., heads, eyes, roe, guts, tails) may be allowed entry without an accompanying BSD.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: This block is for the issuing Country to designate a country coded Document Number.

(1) **FLAG COUNTRY** - Fill in the name of the country of the vessel that harvested the bluefin tuna in the shipment and issued this Document. According to the ICCAT Recommendation, only the flag state of the vessel that harvested the bluefin tuna in the shipment can issue this Document.

(2) **NAME OF VESSEL AND REGISTRATION NUMBER** - Fill in the name and registration number (if available) of the vessel that harvested the bluefin tuna in the shipment.

(3) **TRAPS** - If applicable, fill in the name of the owner of the trap that harvested the bluefin tuna.

(4) **POINT OF EXPORT** - Identify the city and state or province, and country from which the bluefin tuna was exported.

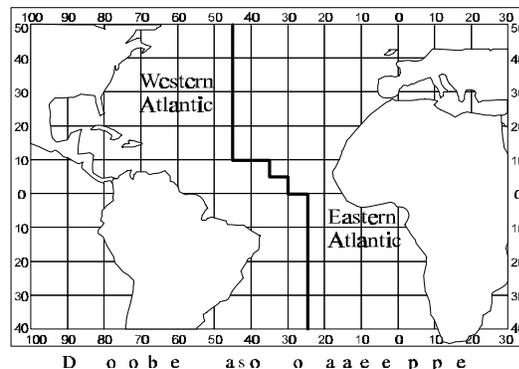
(5) **DESCRIPTION OF FISH** - The exporter must provide, to the highest degree of accuracy, the following information. (NOTE: One row should describe one product type.) (1) **Product type:** Identify the type of product being shipped as either FRESH or FROZEN, and in ROUND, GILLED AND GUTTED, DRESSED, FILLET or OTHER form. For OTHER, describe the type of products in the shipment; (2) **Gear Code** - Identify the gear type which was used to harvest the bluefin tuna using the listed codes; (3) **Area of Catch** - Identify the general area of ocean in which the bluefin tuna product was harvested (i.e., east Atlantic, west Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean, Pacific); (4) **Net weight** - Net product weight in kilograms.; (5) **Tag Number** - If applicable, list the country coded tag number affixed to each fish.

(6) **EXPORTER CERTIFICATION** - The person or company exporting the bluefin tuna shipment must provide his/her name, signature, address, date the shipment was exported, and dealer license number (if applicable).

(7) **GOVERNMENT VALIDATION** - Fill in name and full title of the official signing the BSD. The official must be employed by a competent authority of the flag state government of the vessel that harvested the bluefin tuna appearing on the BSD. When appropriate, this requirement is waived according to the ICCAT resolution concerning validation of the BSD by a government official.

(8) **IMPORTER CERTIFICATION** - The person or company that imports bluefin tuna must provide their name, signature, address, date the bluefin was imported, license number (if applicable) and final point of import. This includes imports into intermediate countries. For fresh and chilled products, signature of the importer may be substituted by person of a custom clearance company when the authority of signature is properly accredited to the company by the importer.

<u>GEAR CODE</u>	<u>GEAR TYPE</u>
BB	BAITBOAT
GILL	GILLNET
HAND	HANDLINE
HARP	HARPOON
LL	LONGLINE
MWT	MID-WATER TRAWL
PS	PURSE SEINE
RR	ROD AND REEL
SPHL	SPORT HANDLINE
SPOR	SPORT FISHERIES, UNCLASSIFIED
SURF	SURFACE FISHERIES, UNCLASSIFIED
TL	TENDED LINE
TRAP	TRAP
TROL	TROLL
UNCL	UNSPECIFIED METHODS
OT	OTHER TYPE-DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF GEAR



Original completed document must accompany exported shipment. Retain a copy for your records. The original (imports) or a copy (exports) must be postmarked and mailed, or faxed, within 24 hours of import or export to: NMFS, NE Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 [FAX 508-281-9340] or NMFS, SW Regional Office, 501 W. Ocean Blvd. #4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 [FAX 310-980-4047]. This form is approved under OMB information collection number 0648-0040.

EXPORT SECTION

1. FLAG COUNTRY : _____

2. NAME OF VESSEL AND REGISTRATION # : _____

3. TRAPS (If applicable, indicate trap owner) : _____

4. POINT OF EXPORT:
 CITY _____ STATE OR PROVINCE _____ COUNTRY _____

5. DESCRIPTION OF FISH (One fish per line)

Product Type ^a F/FR RD/GG/DR/FL/OT	Gear Code ^b	Area of Catch ^c	Net Weight (kg)	Tag Number (if applicable)

^a F=Fresh, FR=Frozen, RD=Round, GG=Gilled & Guttled, DR=Dressed, FL=Fillet, OT=Others (Describe the type: _____)
^b When the Gear Code is OT, describe the type of gear: _____
^c Ocean area (e.g., east Atlantic, west Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean, Pacific)

6. EXPORTER CERTIFICATION I certify that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name	Address	Signature	Date	License Number (if applicable)

7. GOVERNMENT VALIDATION I validate that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name & Title	Signature	Date	Government Seal

IMPORT SECTION

IMPORTER CERTIFICATION I certify that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Importer Certification (Intermediate Country)
 Name _____ Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____ License # _____

Importer Certification (Intermediate Country)
 Name _____ Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____ License # _____

Importer Certification (Final Destination of Shipment)
 Name _____ Address _____ Signature _____ Date _____ License # _____

Final Point of Import - City: _____ **State or Province:** _____ **Country** _____

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