TRACES NT

CATCH IT system

Presentation by the Commission for EU importers - CATCH IT system and its direct use

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1 Overview of TRACES

TRACES

TRACES is the European Commission's online platform for animal and plant health **certification** required for the importation of

animals

animal products

food and feed of non-animal origin

and plants

into the **European Union**, and the intra-EU trade and EU exports of animals and certain animal products.

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TRACES

To ensure

Traceability

Increased transparency

Enhanced cooperation and coordination

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TRACES

Today

★★★★★

TRACES NT is accessible via internet (no software needed) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, free of charge.

1/ Indispensable

TRACES is used in about 90 countries

2/ Users

With more than 113 000 users worldwide

3/ Facilitation

Available in all EU official languages and several non-EU languages

4/ "A Europe fit for the digital age"

Offer a fully digitize and paperless workflow

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2 Introduction to CATCH

Catch certification scheme

Objectives

Enhanced cooperation and coordination

Providing a basis for cooperation between flag States, countries of processing and of marketing.

Traceability

Ensuring product traceability at all production stages, from catch to marketing, including processing and transport.

TO CERTIFY THE LEGALITY OF FISHERY PRODUCTS

Increased transparency

Improving the dissemination of information and enabling flag States to better monitor the fishing activities carried out by its vessels and support compliance with conservation and management rules.

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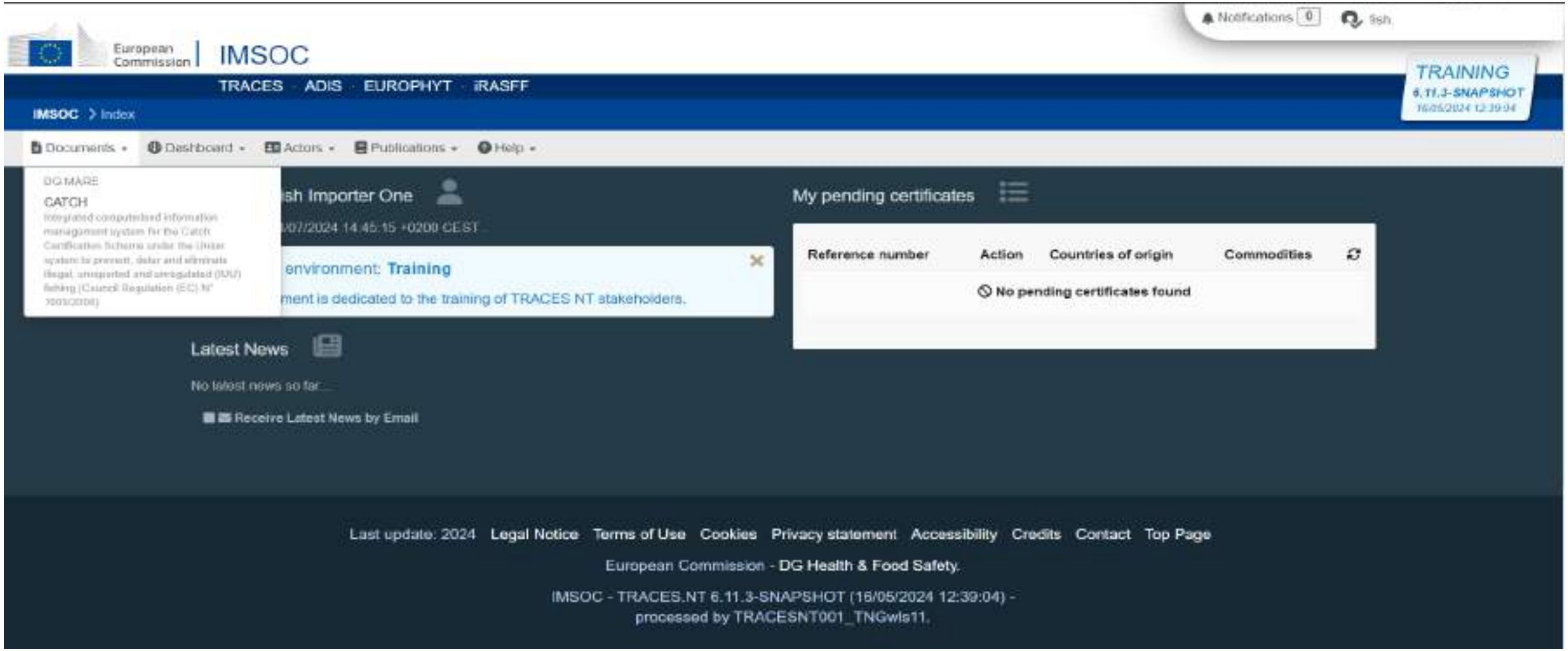
In TRACES NT



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In TRACES NT

- **Module owned by DG MARE**
- **Developed according to the IUU Regulation**
- **With its own business rules**

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3 Getting started!

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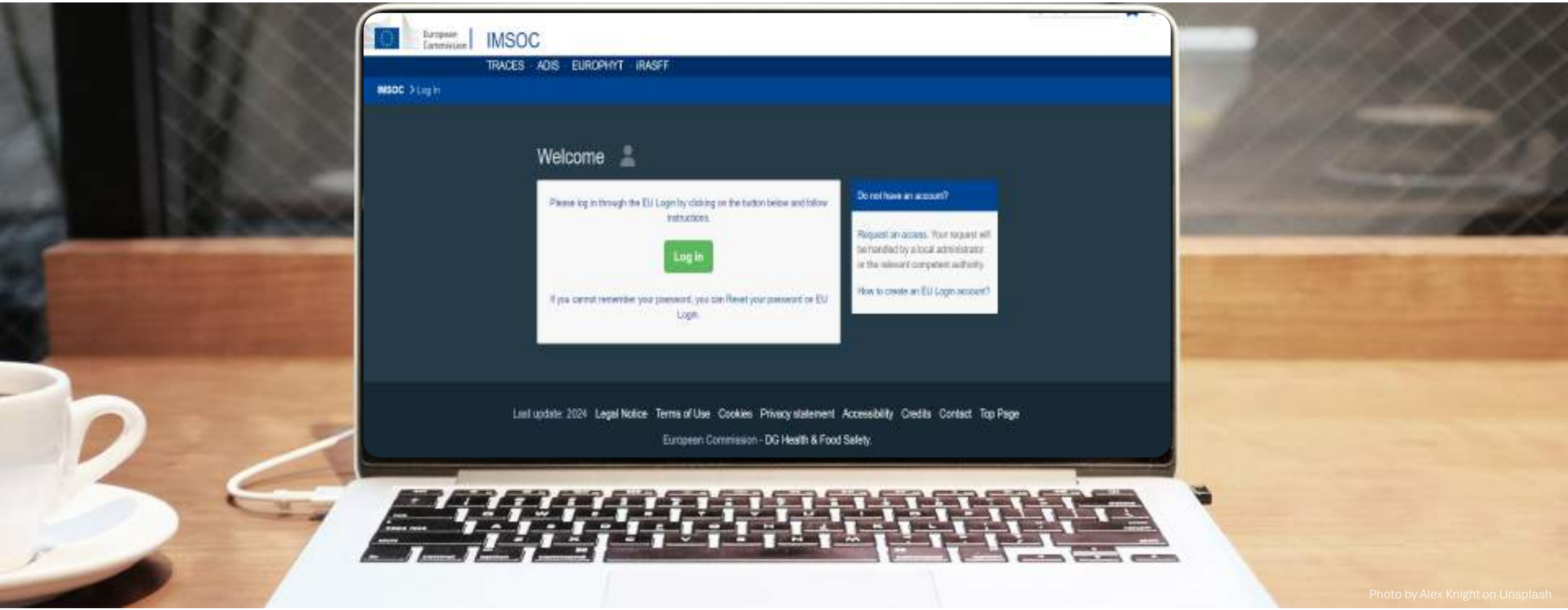
Log in



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EU Login

EU Login is the European Commission's user authentication service. It allows users to access a wide range of Commission web services, using a single email address and password.

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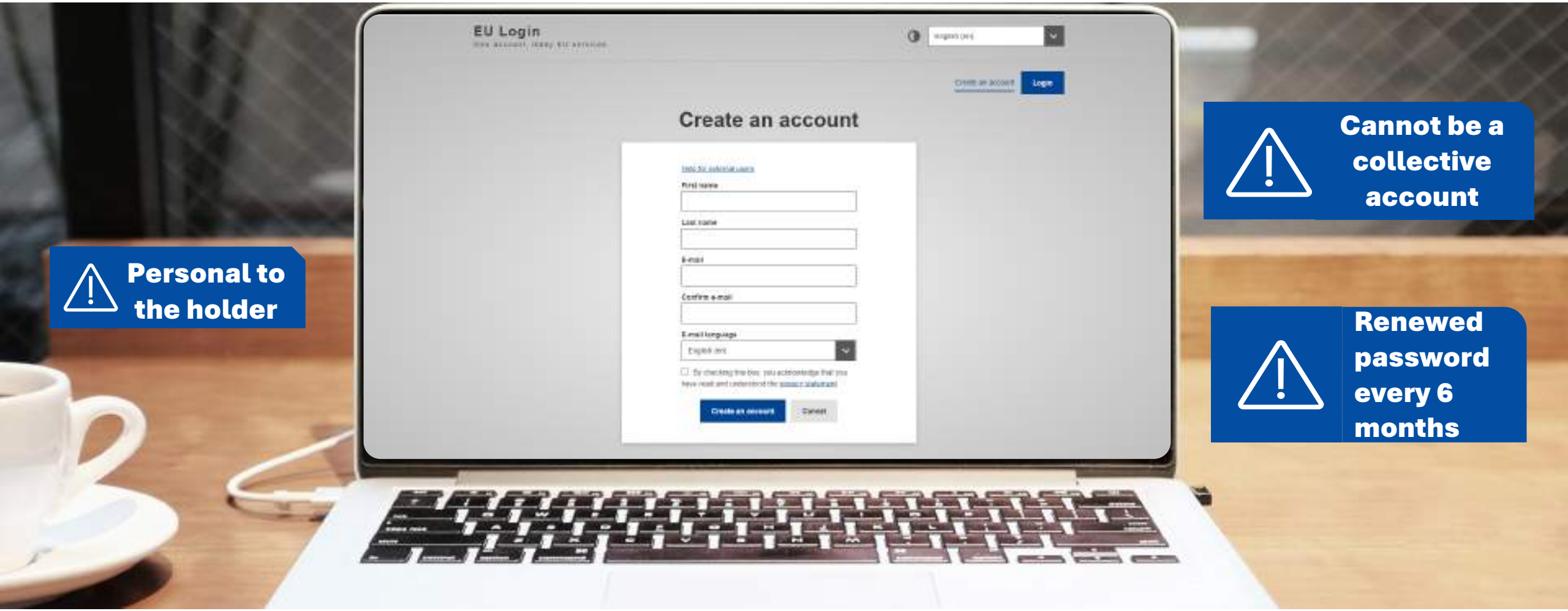

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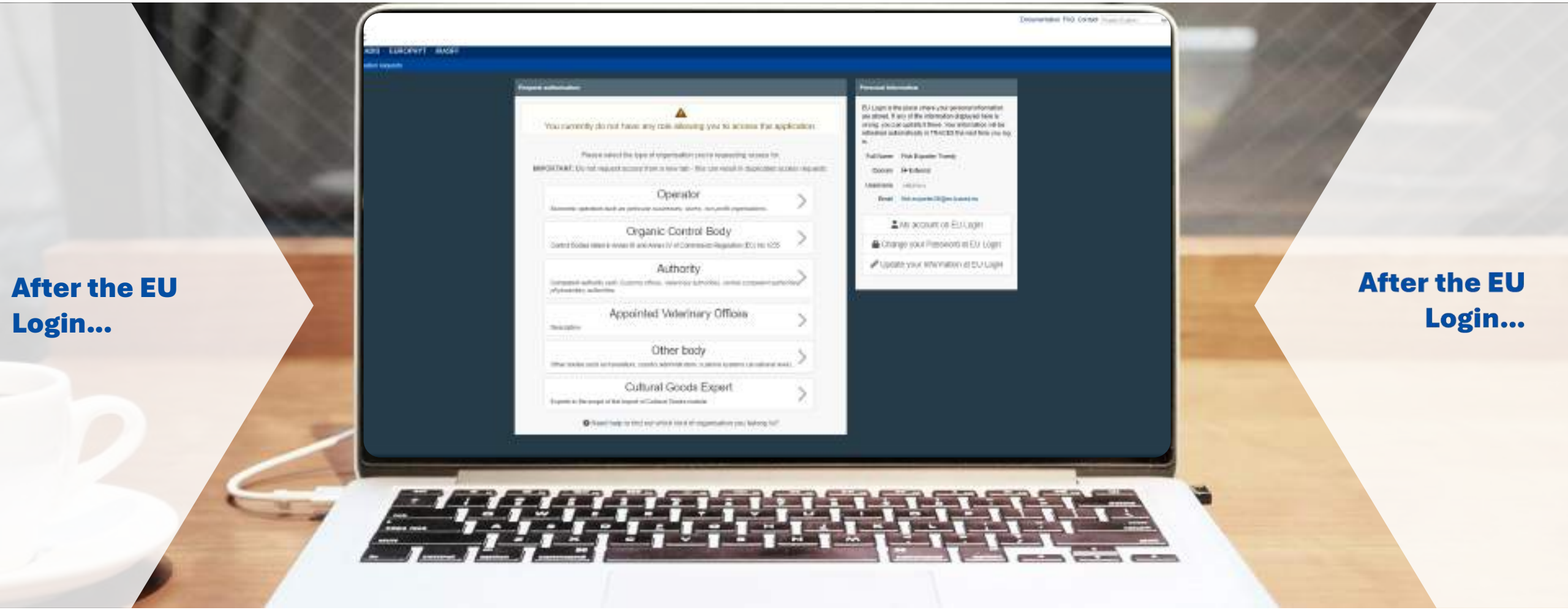
Role



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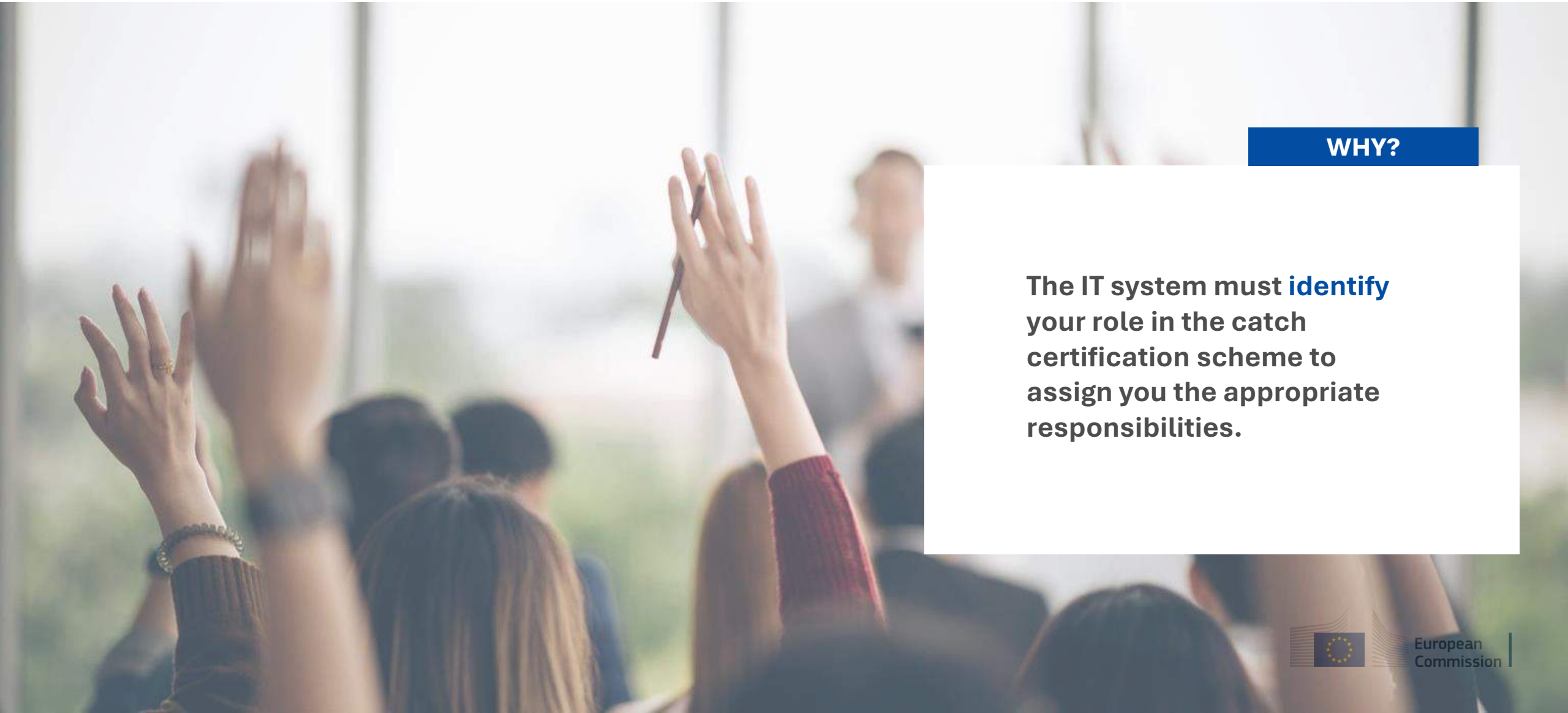

WHY?

The IT system must identify your role in the catch certification scheme to assign you the appropriate responsibilities.

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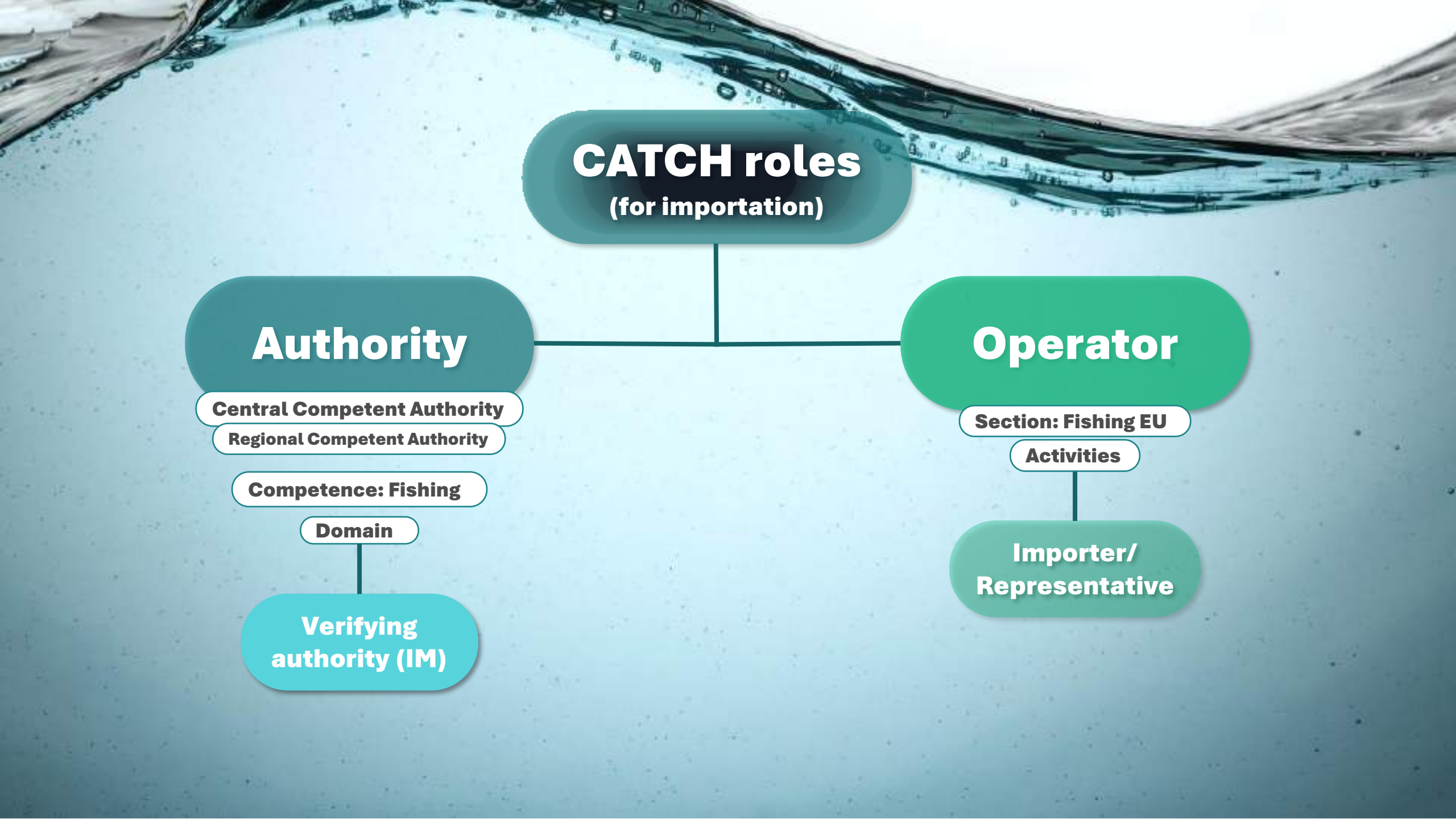
CATCH roles
(for importation)
Authority
Central Competent Authority
Regional Competent Authority
Competence: Fishing
Domain
Verifying authority (IM)
Operator
Section: Fishing EU
Activities
Importer/ Representative

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EU OPERATOR ROLE NOTE

IMPORTATION

SECTION
Fishing (European Union)

CATCH fishery products – EU (CFFP)

Activity
Importer

SECTION
Other (EFTA, European Union)

Responsible for the load (Freight Forwarder)

Activity
RFL

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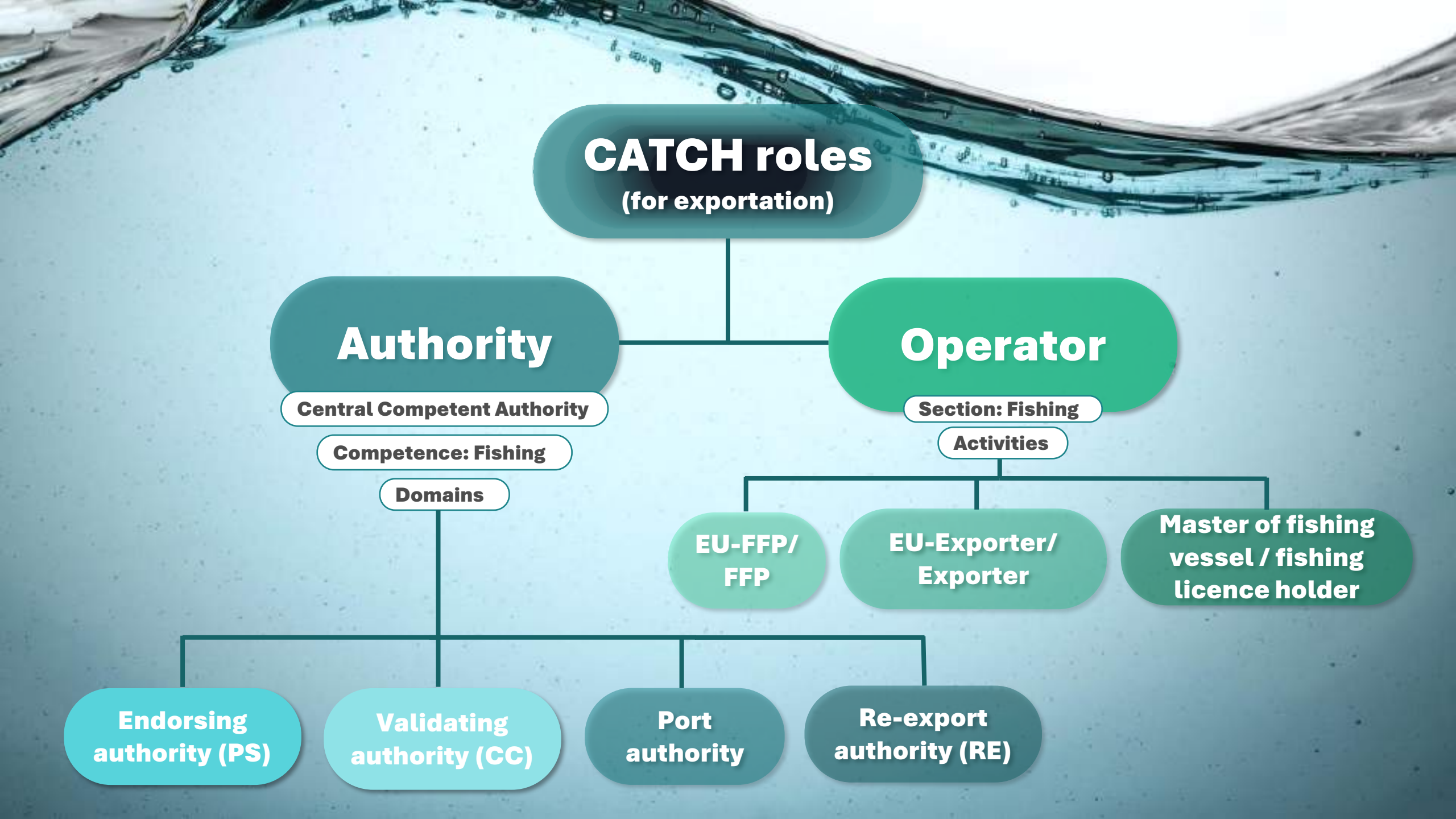
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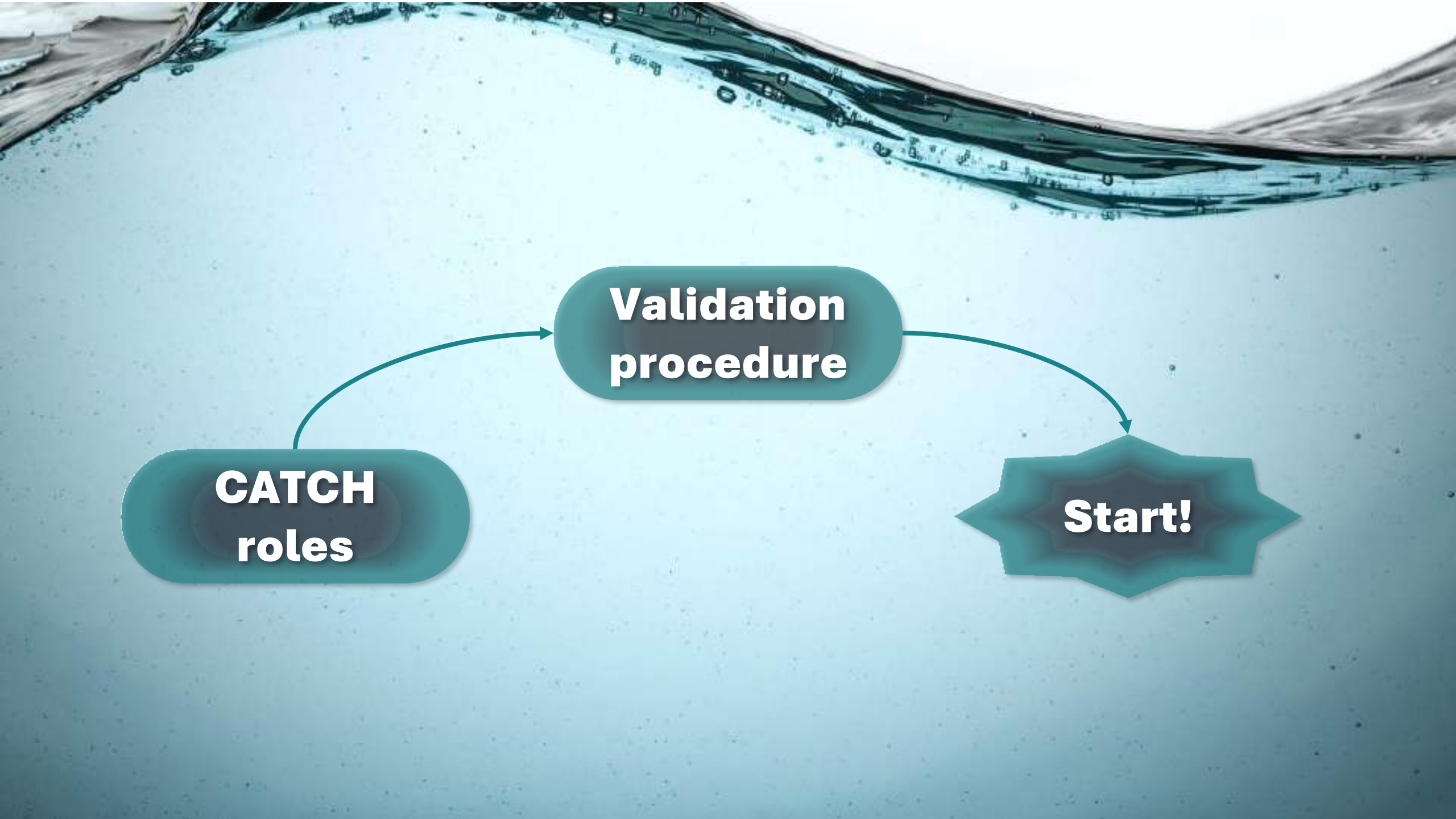
EU-FFP/ FFP
EU-Exporter/ Exporter
Master of fishing vessel / fishing licence holder
Endorsing authority (PS)
Validating authority (CC)
Port authority
Re-export authority (RE)


Validation procedure
CATCH roles
Start!

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General validation procedure

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- Validates the “first” user of the national authority - “first” user becomes the “Administrator user”

National authority

- The “Administrator user ” validates colleagues
- Once validated, officials can start using CATCH

- Validates operators (companies)
- Validates the “first” user of the operator - “first” user becomes the “Administrator user”

Operator

- The “Administrator user ” validates colleagues
- Once validated, staff can start using CATCH

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Once the role is validated...

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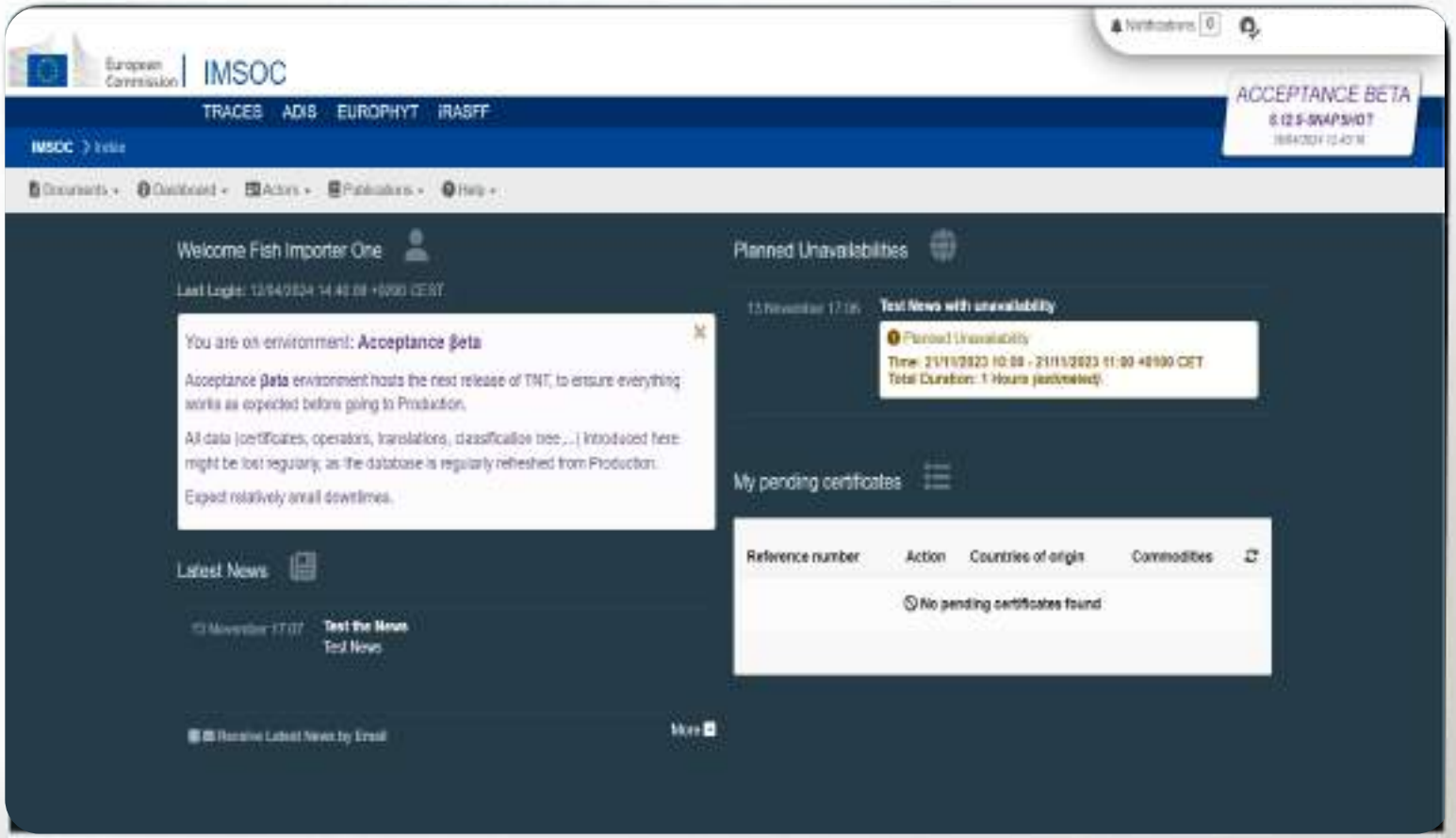
Interface for operators



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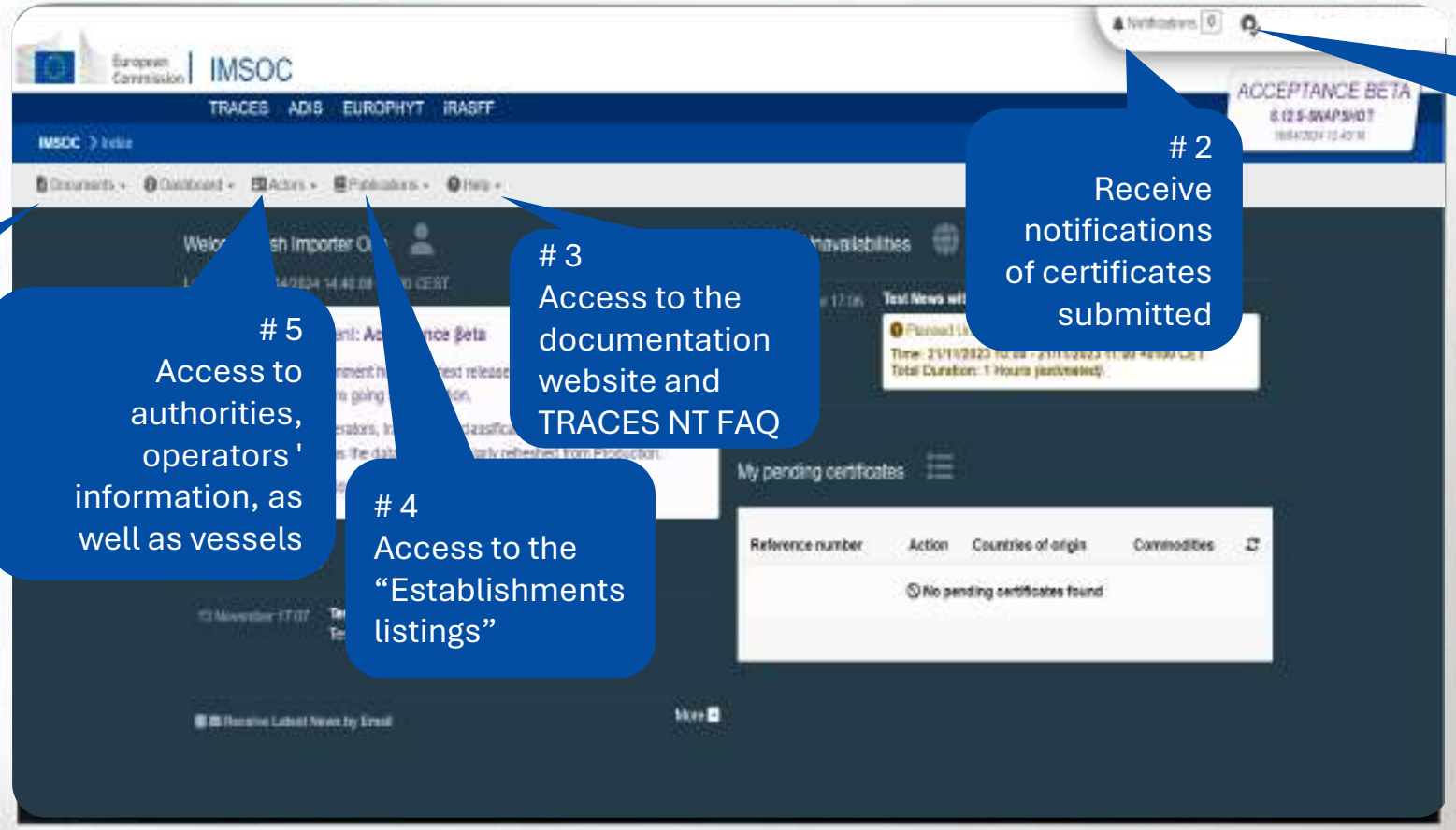

 # 1
Access to the profile

 # 2
Receive notifications of certificates submitted

 # 3
Access to the documentation website and TRACES NT FAQ

 # 4
Access to the "Establishments listings"

 # 5
Access to authorities, operators ' information, as well as vessels

 # 6
Access to CATCH

List of advantages/functionalities:

 # 1 Select the desired language.
 # 2 Up-to-date knowledge of the submitted certificates and its status.
 # 3 Check user manuals, videos; contact TRACES Helpdesk.
 # 4 Check Processing plants listed for processing.
 # 5 Manage colleagues and company; retrieve general information.
 # 6 Access to search tool with multiple filters; detailed information about certificates.

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Use of CATCH by operators

CATCH

Timeline

Apply

The use of CATCH will become compulsory for EU operators and authorities for imports of fishery products as of 10 January 2026.

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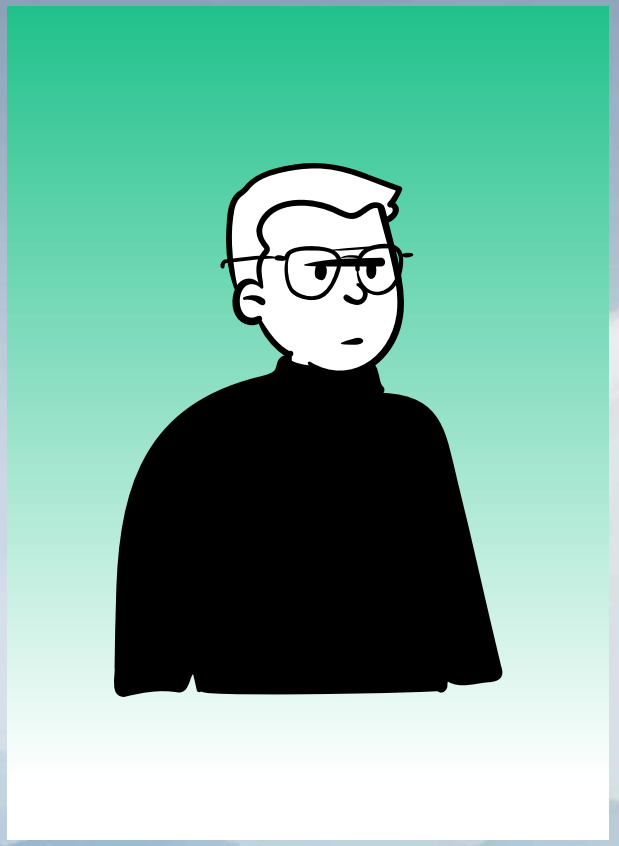
IMPORTATION
Catch certification scheme
WORKFLOW
NO DIRECT USE/ IMPORTER WORKFLOW

IMPORTATION



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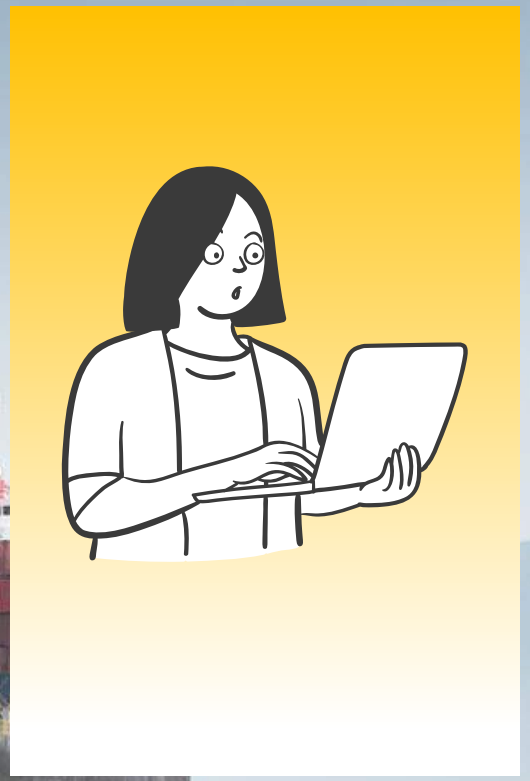

2 Import control authority

Manual checks (between paper CC/PS and the declared data in CATCH). Takes decision on importation.

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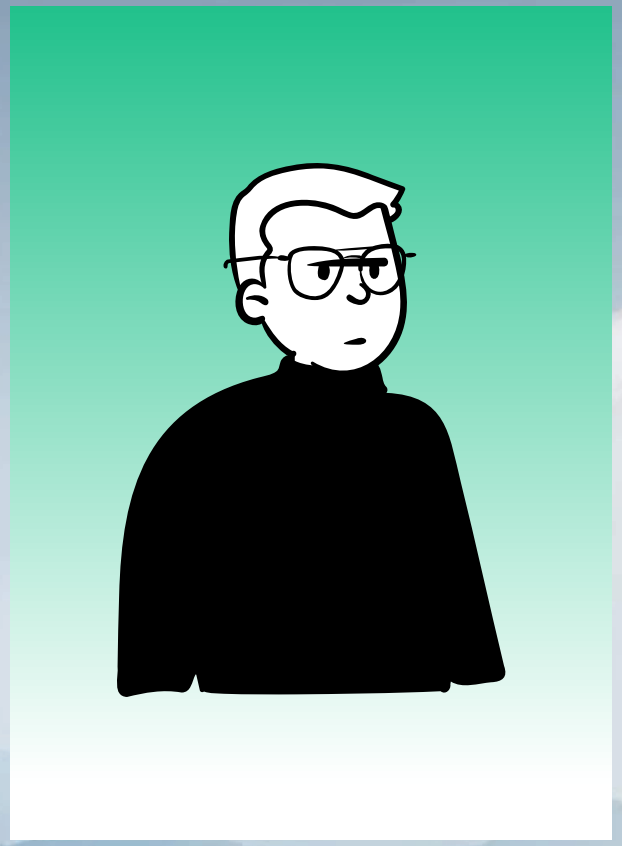

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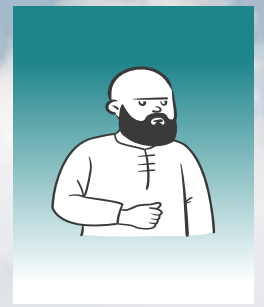
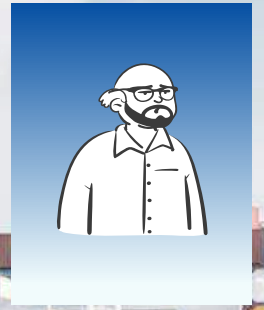
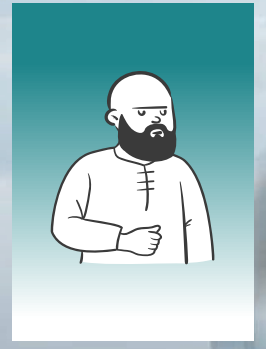


 # Exporter

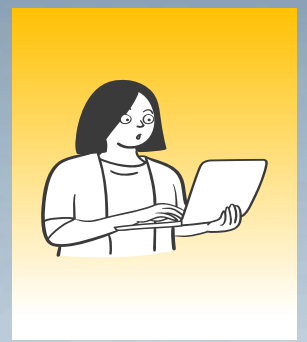
 # Master of fishing vessel / FLH



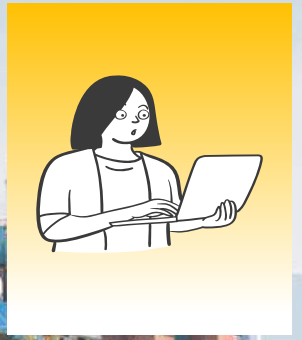
 # Master of receiving vessel



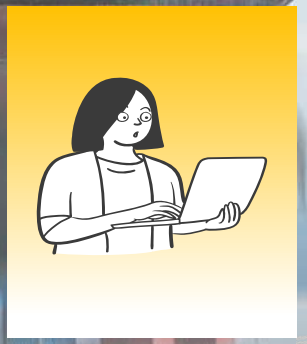
 # Processing plant



 # Validating authority



 # Port authority



 # Endorsing authority

Catch Certificate

Processing statement

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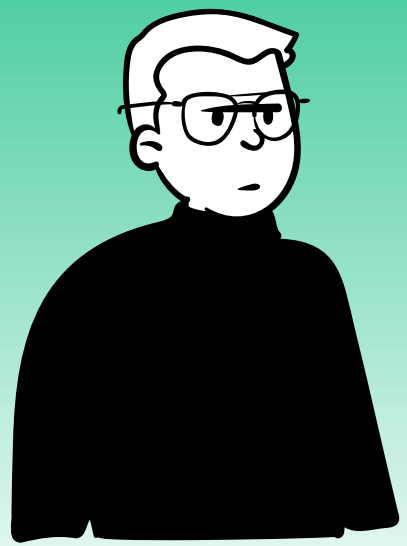
NO DIRECT USE

PAPER DOCUMENTS



DIGITAL DOCUMENTS

Importer

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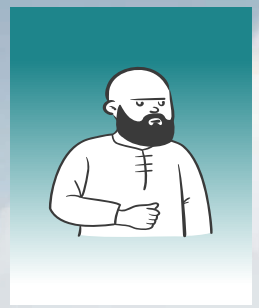
IMPORTATION
DIRECT USE BY NON-EU COUNTRIES

Catch Certificate



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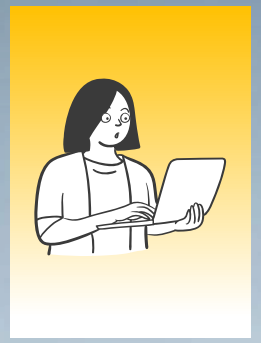
#2 Master of fishing vessel/ FLH



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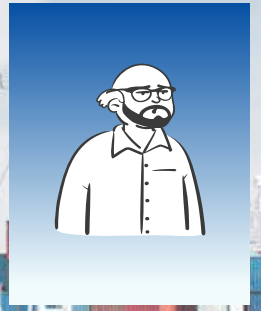

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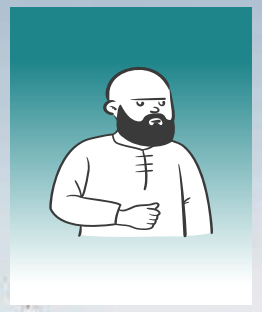

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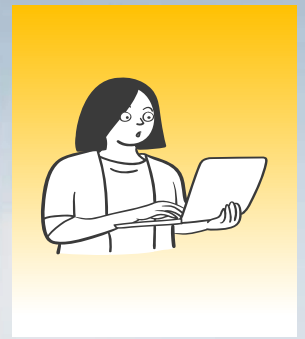
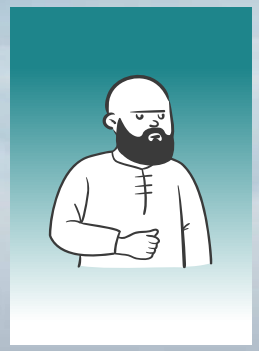


#4 Validating authority

Processing statement



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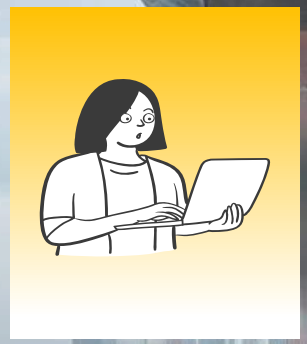

#2 Endorsing authority

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Receives CCs (and PSs) in CATCH. Creates “Importer declaration” and submits all to the Import control authority.

CC(catch certificate)
PS (processing statement)

Import control authority

Takes decision on importation.

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DIRECT USE BY NON-EU COUNTRIES

DIGITAL DOCUMENTS

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DIGITAL DOCUMENTS

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CATCH

Direct use

FREE TOOL

Speed up administrative procedures and facilitates the submission of data by operators

More reliable control on exports

Digital documentary flows

Reduce burdens on importers

CATCH

Direct use by non-EU countries

European Commission: Promote the direct use of CATCH by Non-EU countries

EU operators: Promote the direct use of CATCH by Non-EU countries

USE OF CATCH BY EU OPERATORS

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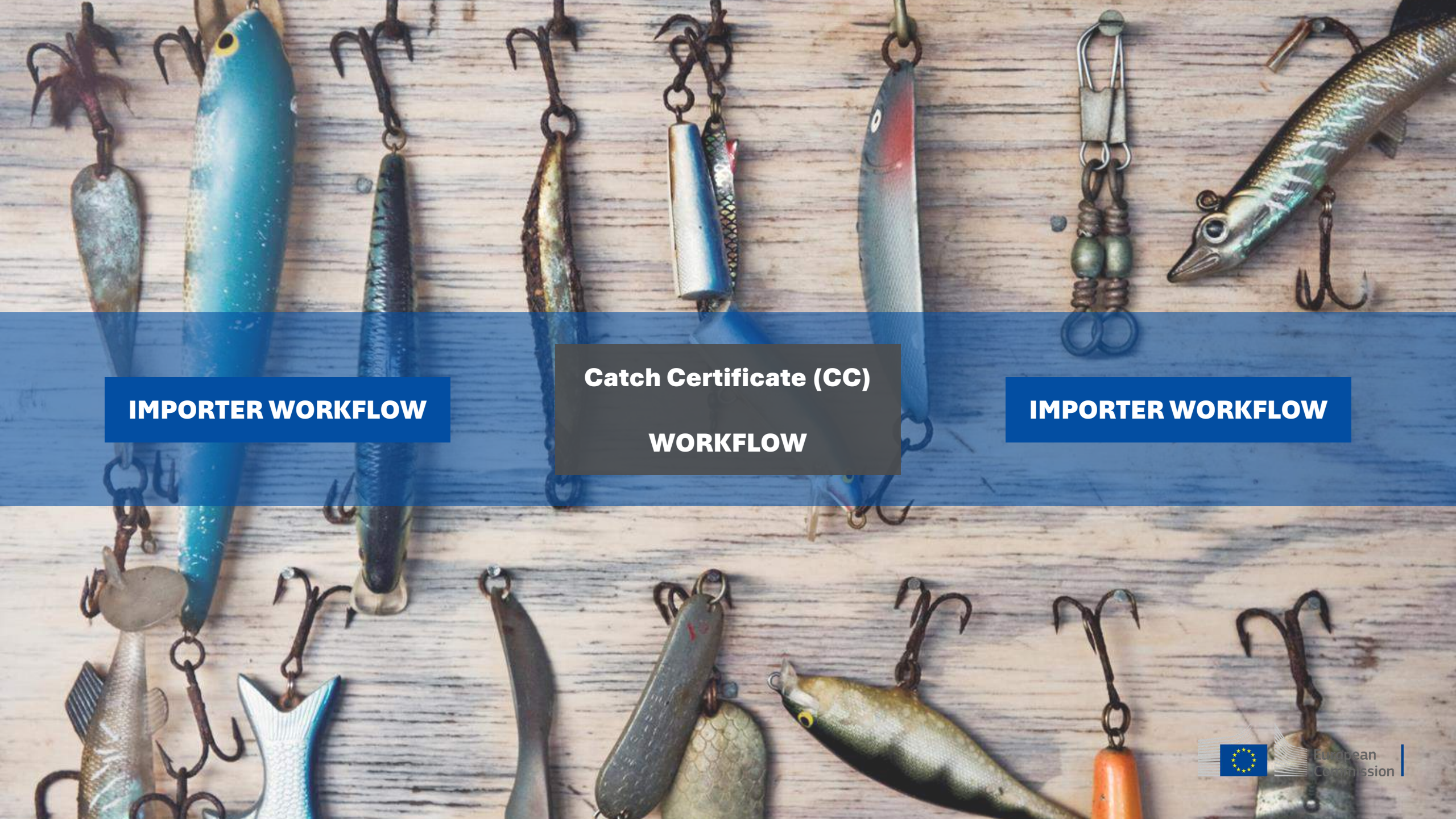
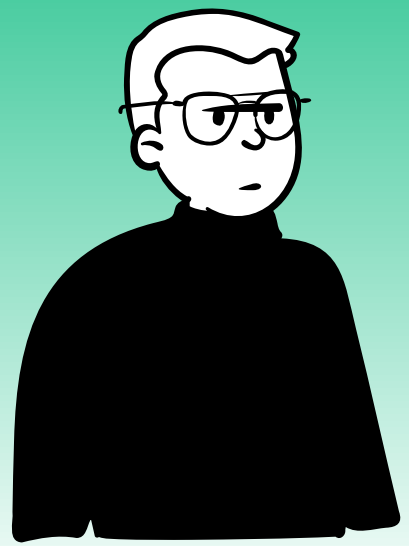

IMPORTER WORKFLOW
Catch Certificate (CC)
WORKFLOW
IMPORTER WORKFLOW



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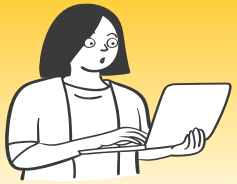

 # Port authority

Catch Certificate

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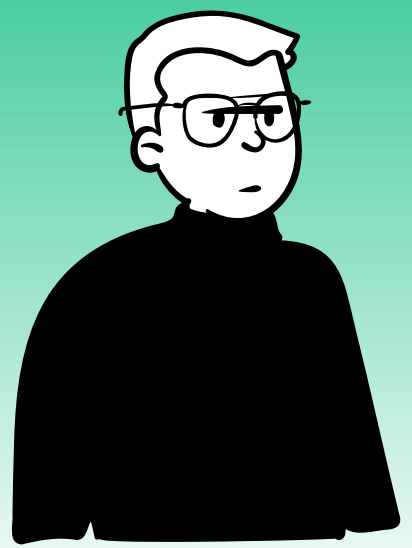

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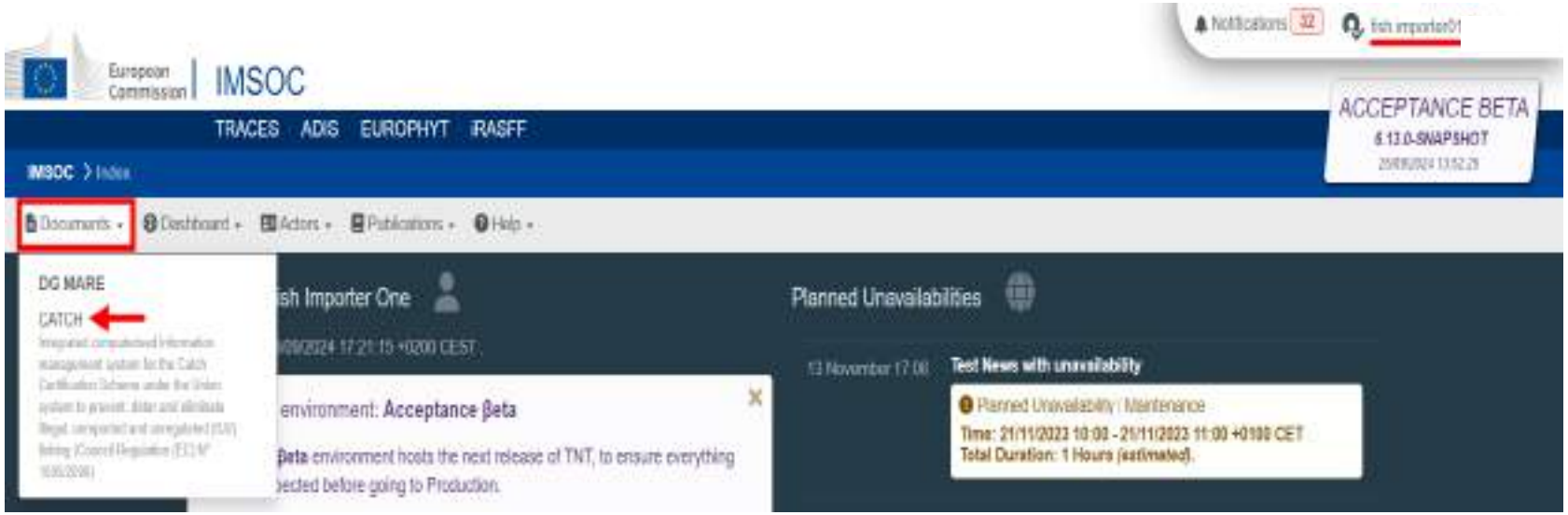

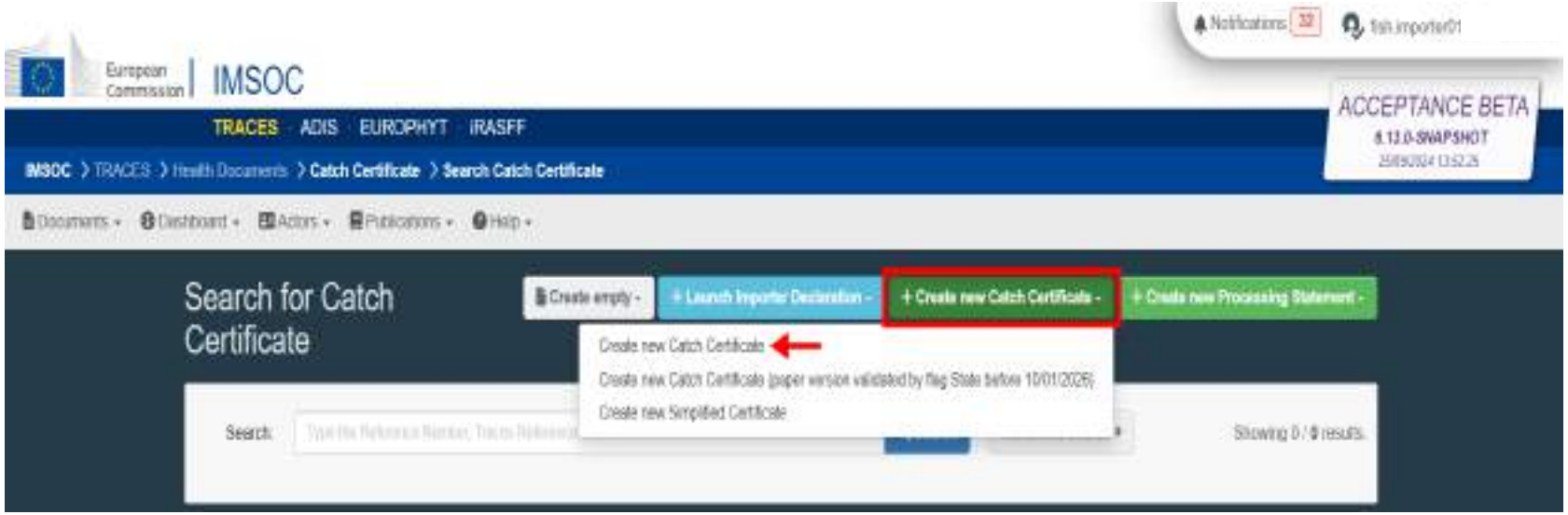

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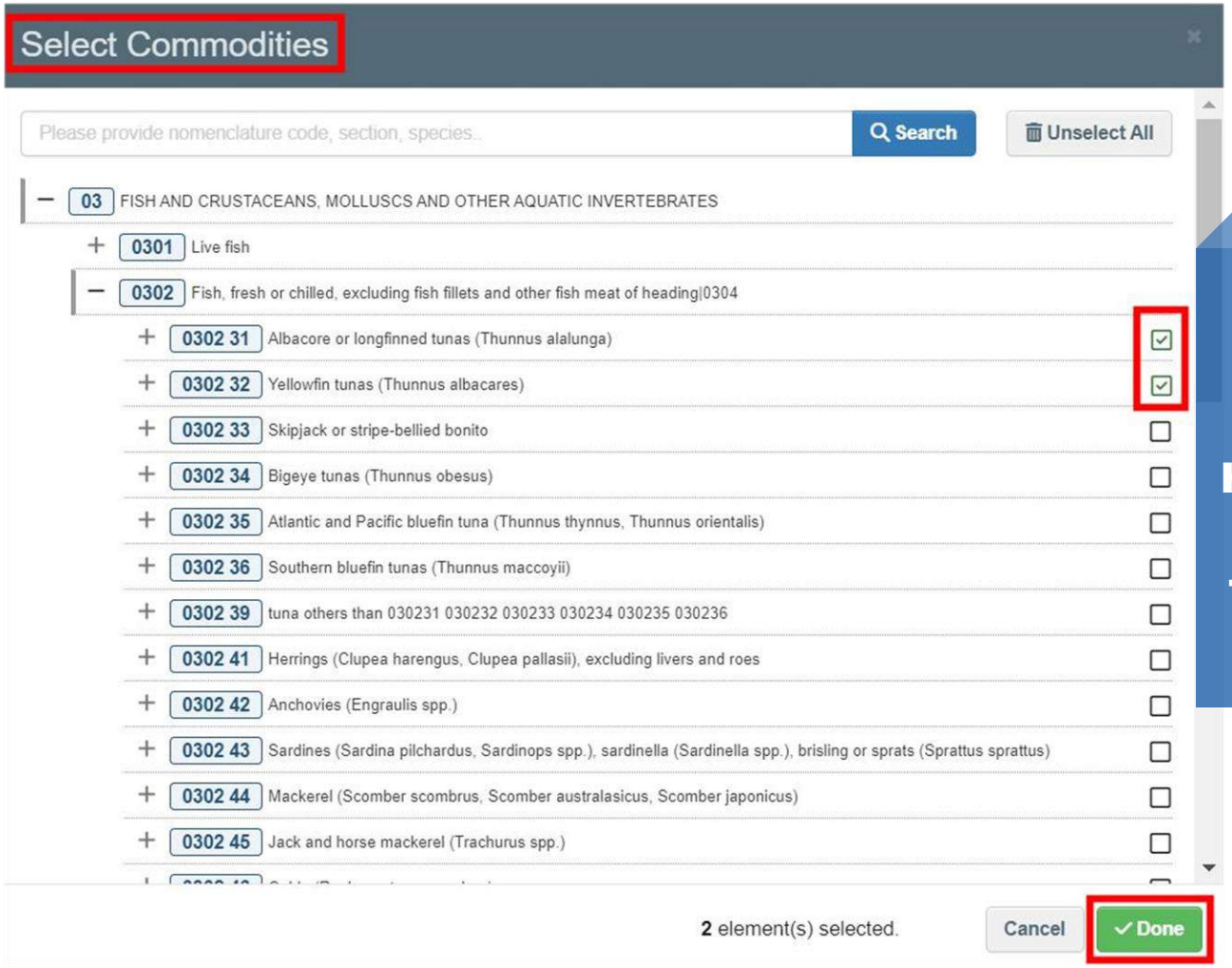

For the CC, the commodity codes follow the Harmonized System (HS) developed by the World Customs Organization.

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STATUS
I. UNSAVED

 # Importer

Next steps:

1. **Complete Box 1 and Box 8**
2. **Save as Draft**
3. **Add document number and validate it**
4. **Complete all boxes**
5. **Complete “Transport details”**
6. **Finish document**

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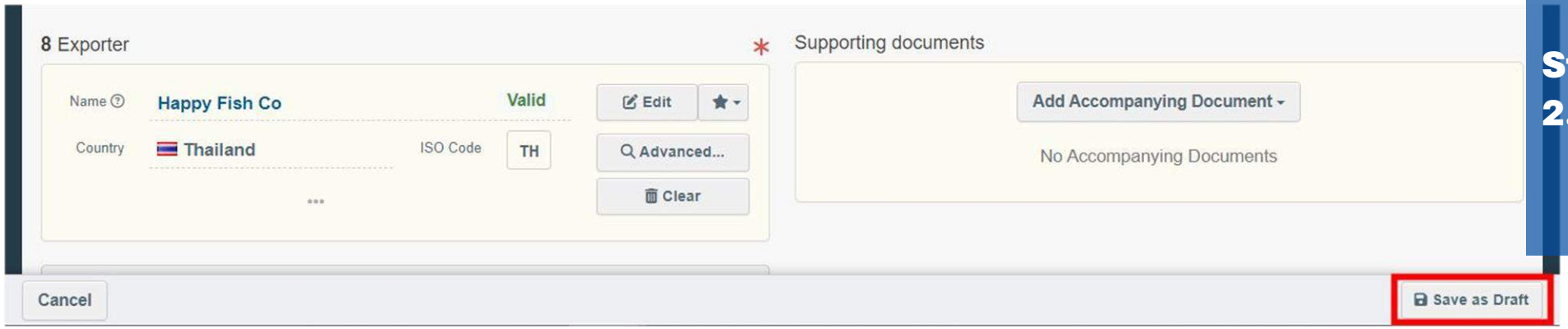
 # Importer

STATUS
I. UNSAVED

Step:
1. Complete Box 1 and Box 8



Step:
2. Save as Draft

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Importer

STATUS I. UNSAVED — **STATUS II. DRAFT**

✓ **A DRAFT serial number is assigned automatically**

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Importer

STATUS
I. UNSAVED

STATUS
II. DRAFT

Step:

3. **Add document number and validate it**

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 # Importer

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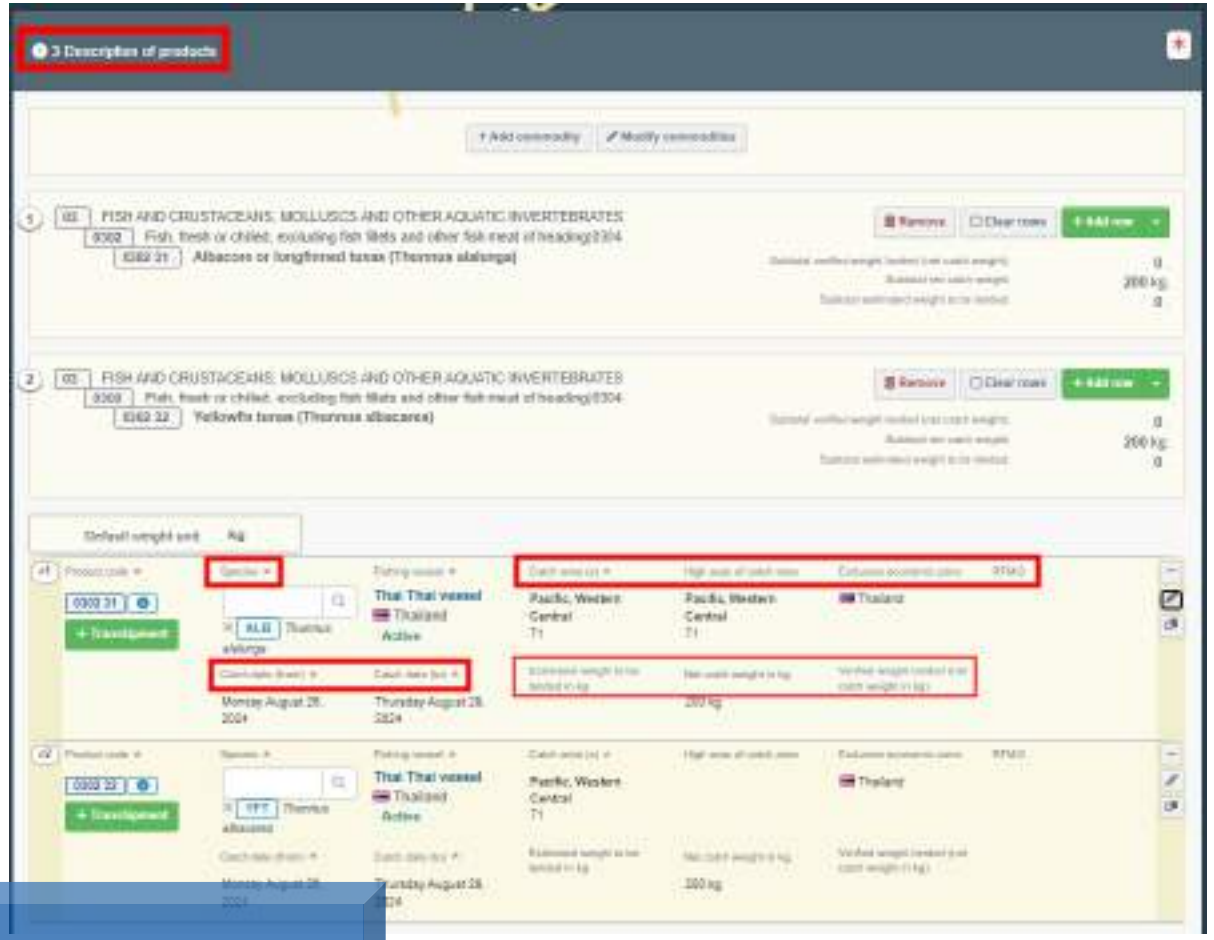

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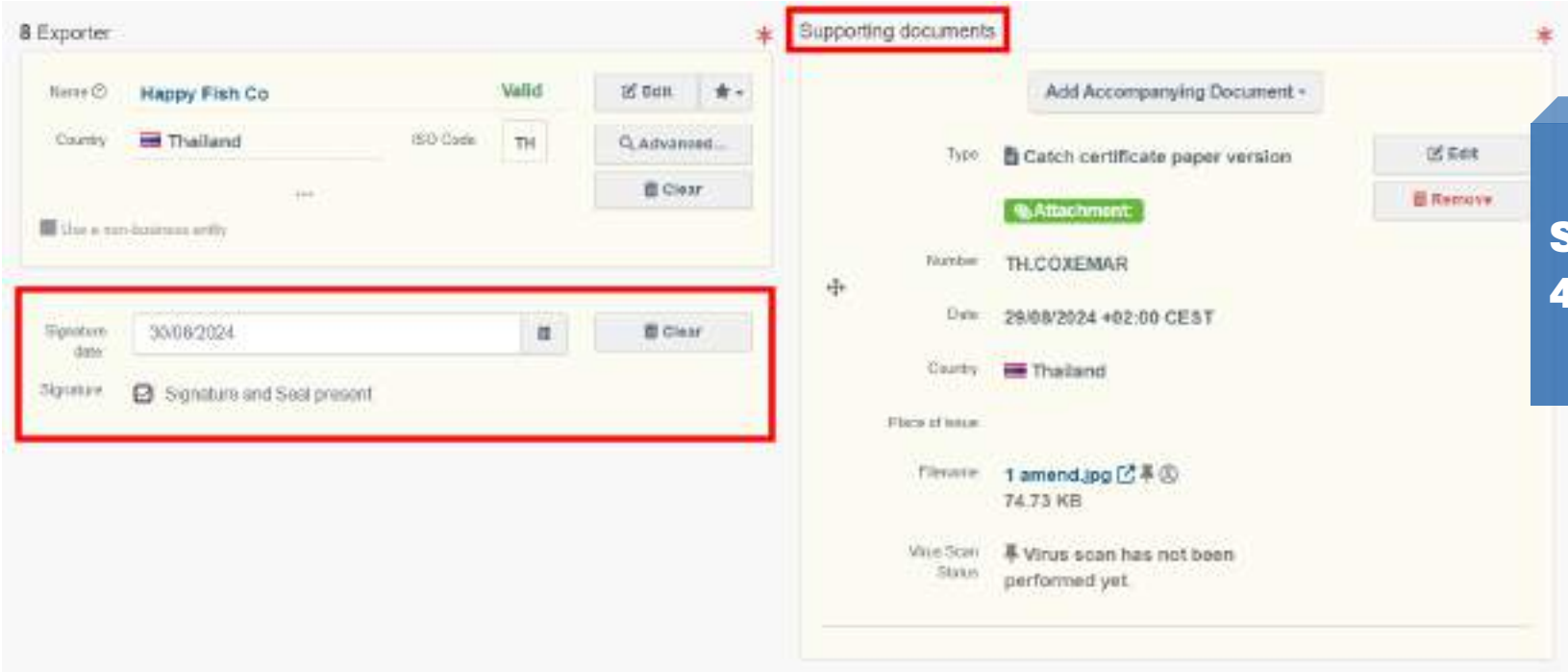

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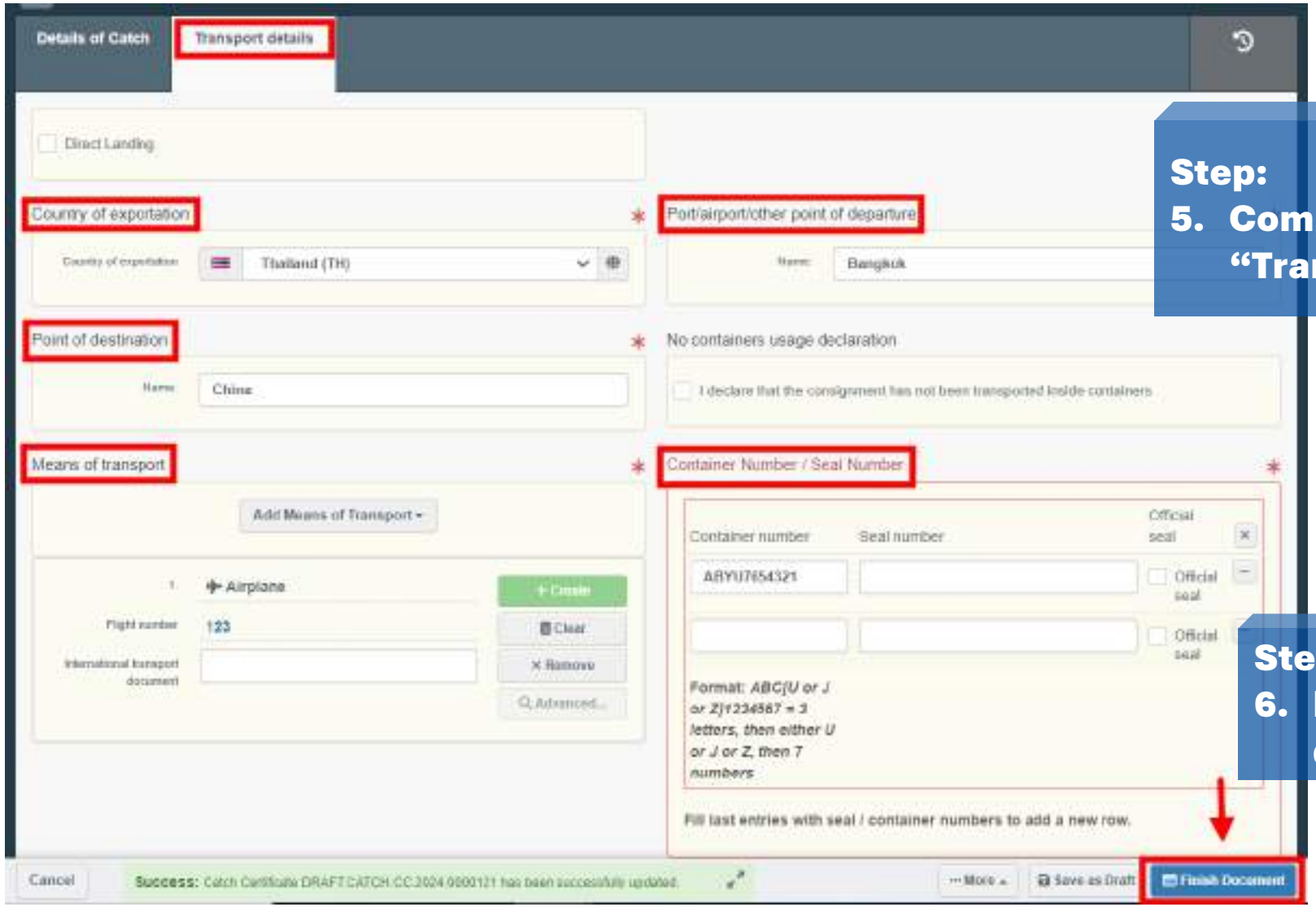

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Step:
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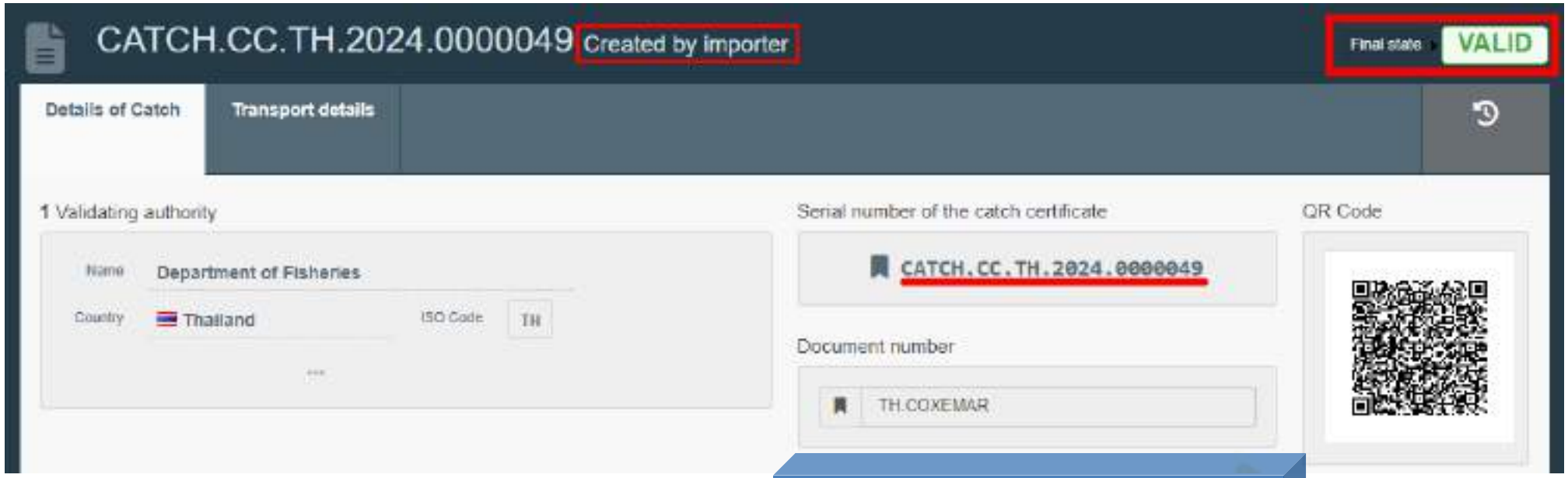

✓ **A new serial number is assigned automatically**

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IMPORTER WORKFLOW

Processing statement (PS)

WORKFLOW

IMPORTER WORKFLOW

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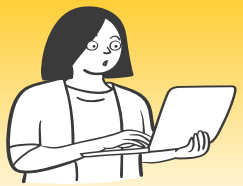
 # Importer

Receives processing statements and related documents in paper. Needs to introduce data included on paper documents in CATCH.

 # Processing plant



 # Endorsing authority

Processing statement

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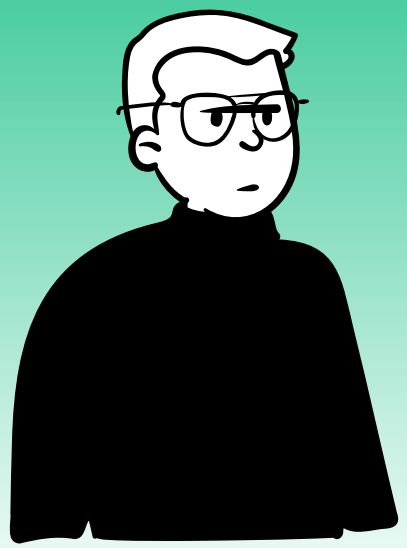

Importer

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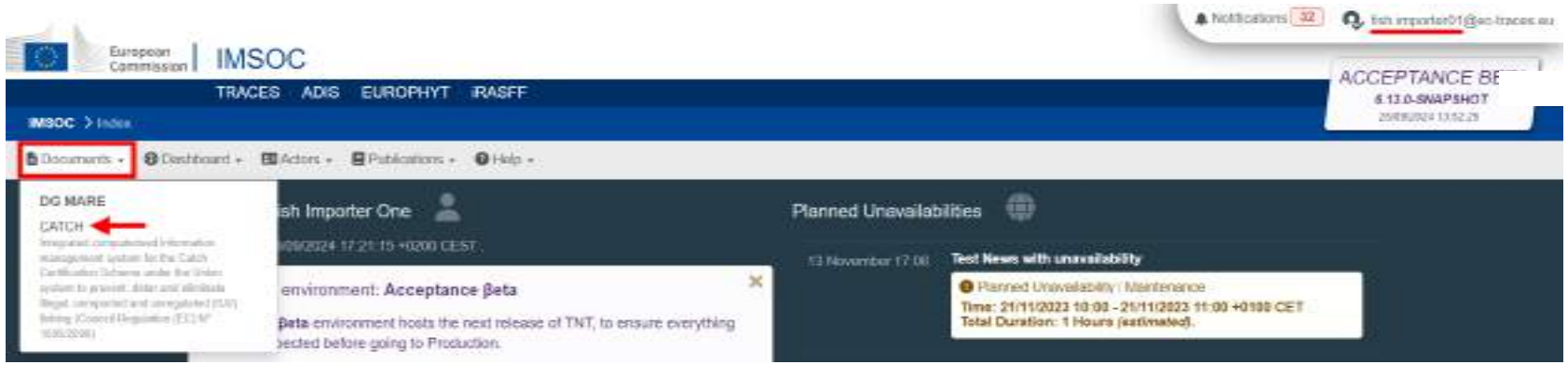

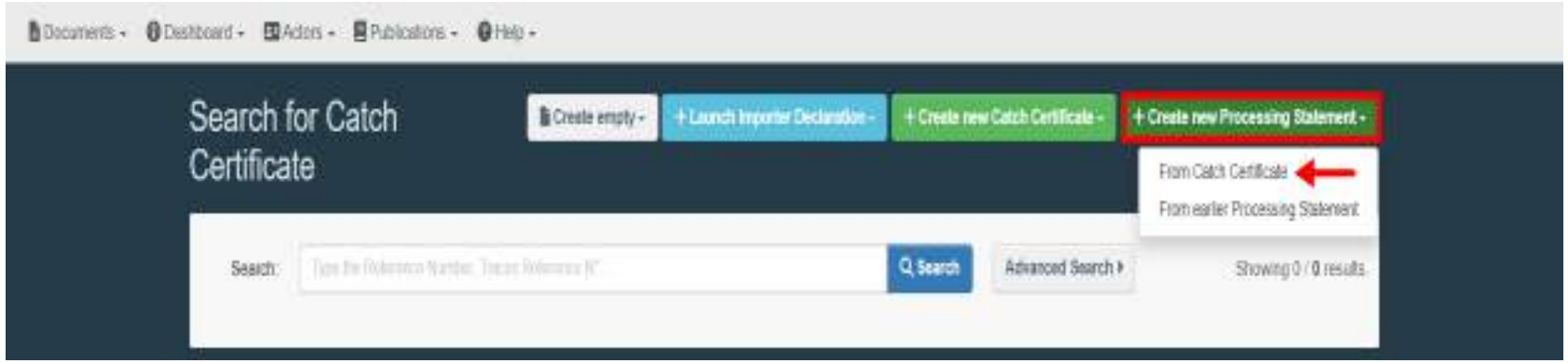

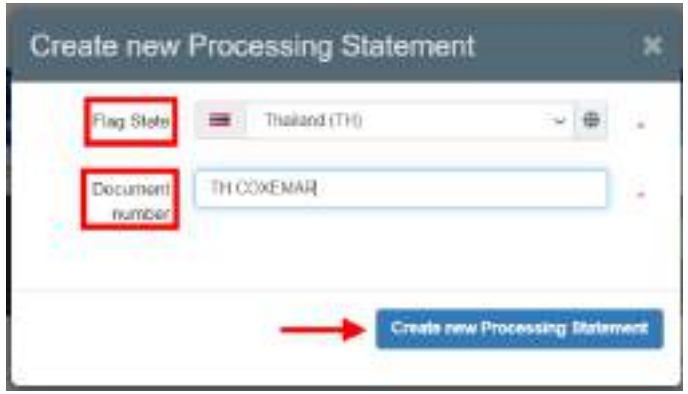

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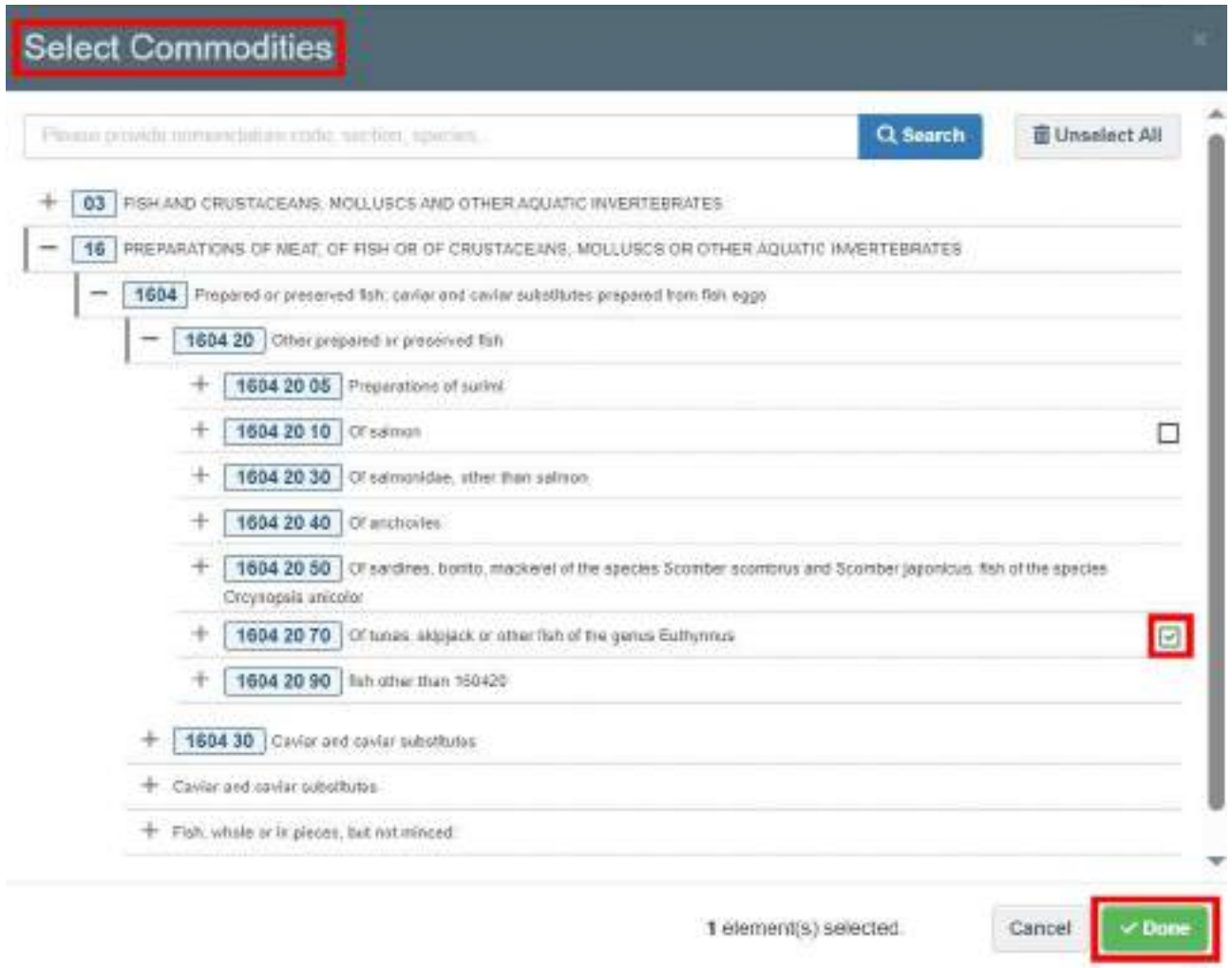
 # Importer



For the PS, the commodity codes follow the Combined Nomenclature (CN) used by the European Union.

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STATUS
I. UNSAVED

 # Importer

Next steps:

1. **Complete section “Name and Address of Processing plant”**
2. **Save as Draft**
3. **Add document number and validate it**
4. **Complete all boxes**
5. **Complete “Transport details”, if needed**
6. **Finish document**

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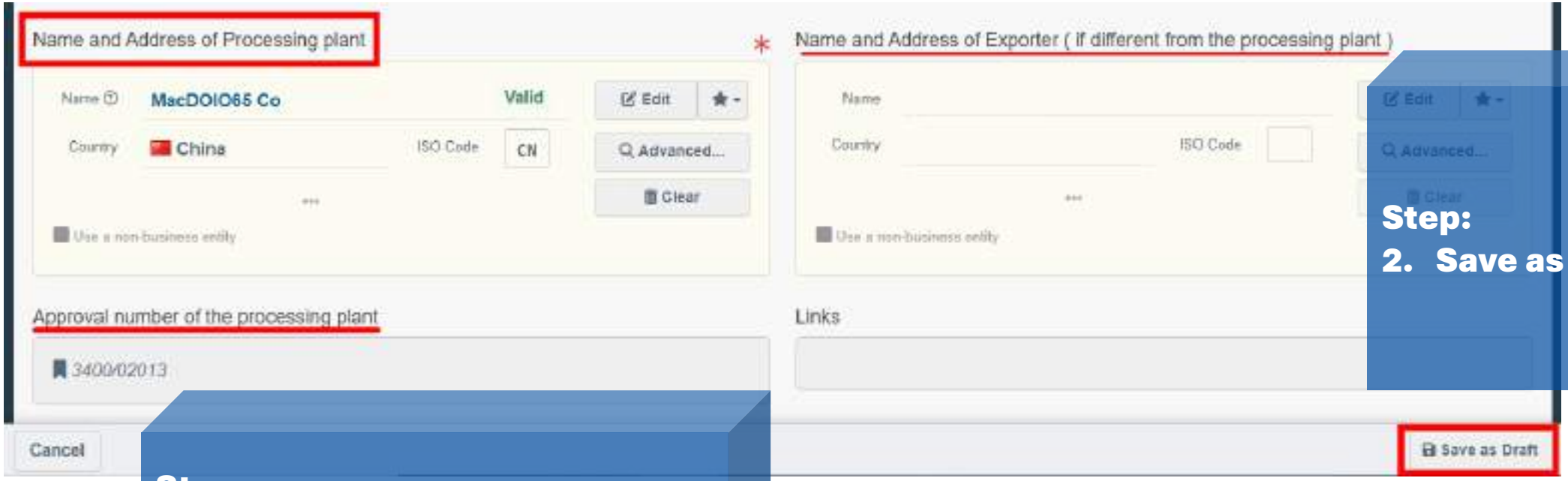
I. UNSAVED



Step:
1. **Complete section “Name and Address of Processing plant”**

Step:
2. **Save as Draft**

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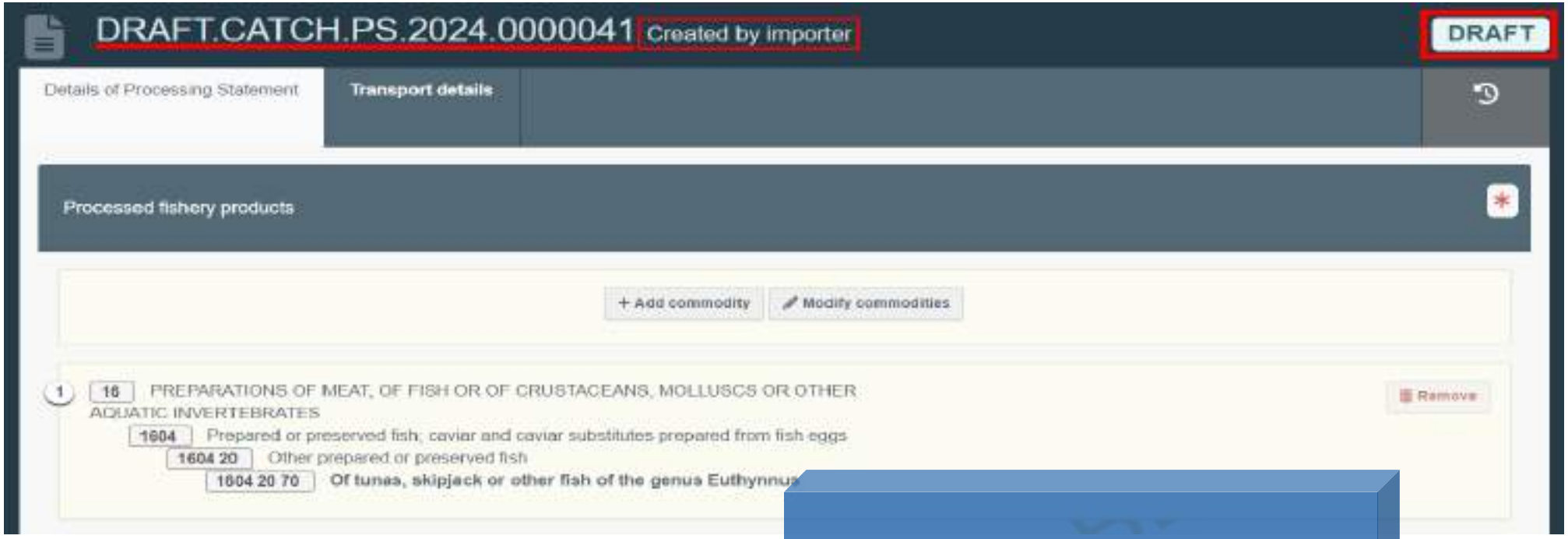
Importer

STATUS I. UNSAVED — **STATUS II. DRAFT**



✓ **A DRAFT serial number is assigned automatically**

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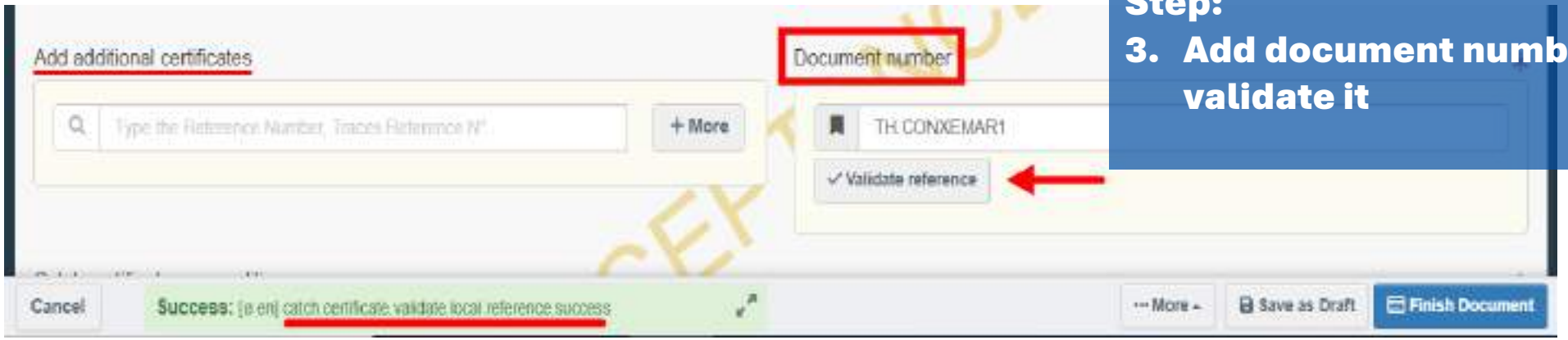

Step:
3. **Add document number and validate it**

Step:
4. **Complete all boxes**

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STATUS
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STATUS
II. DRAFT

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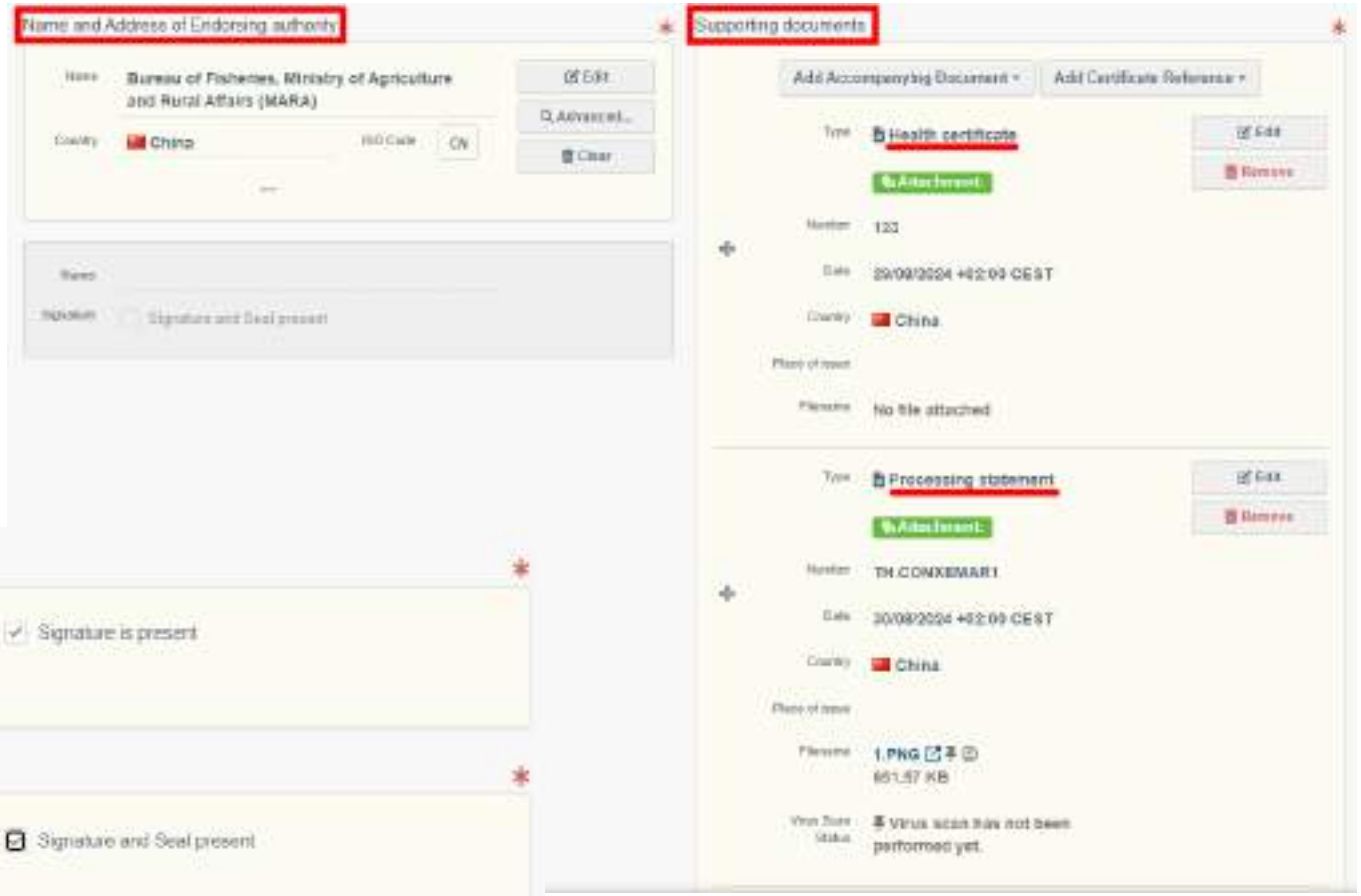
4. Complete all boxes



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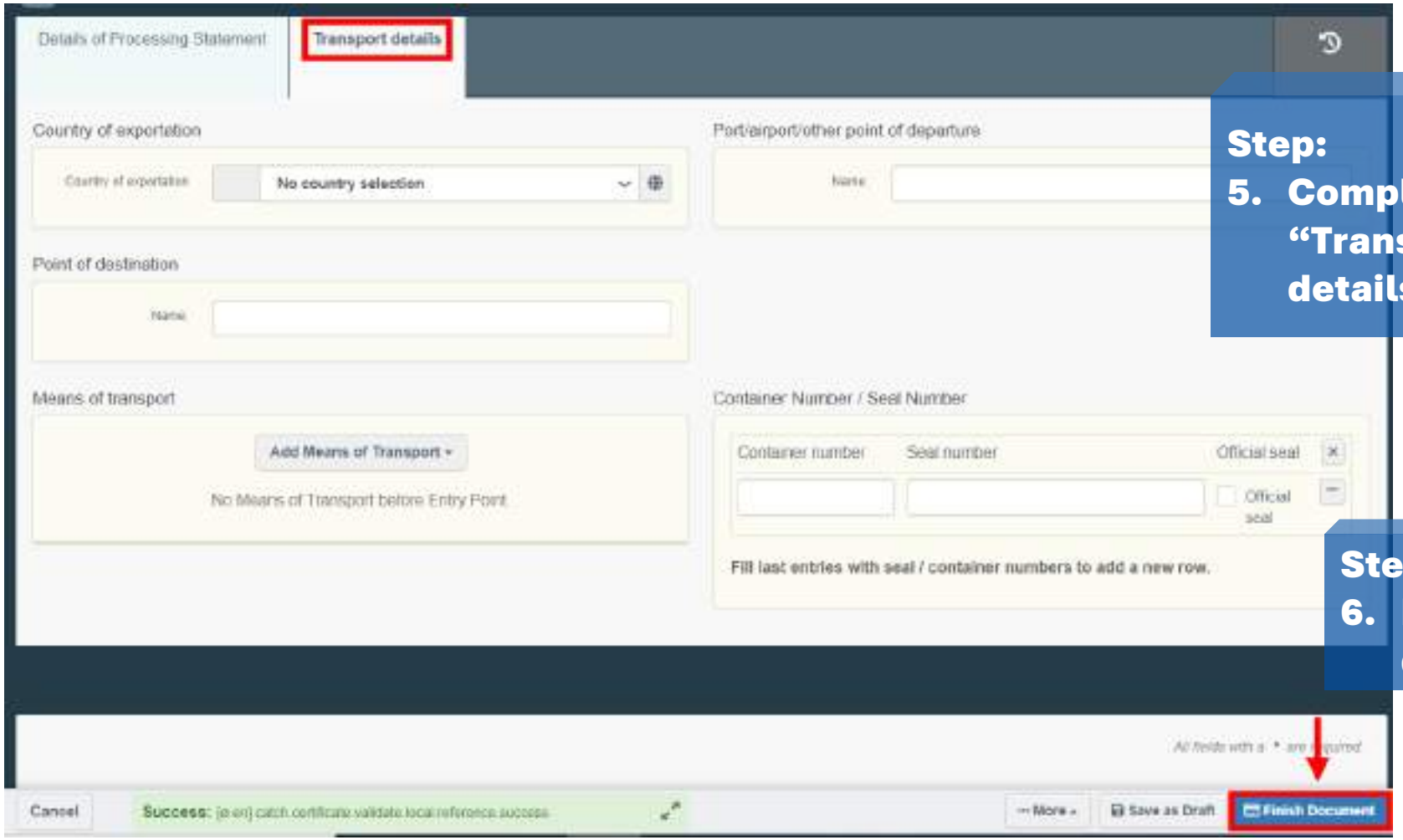

Step:
5. Complete "Transport details", if needed

Step:
6. Finish document

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STATUS I. UNSAVED — **STATUS II. DRAFT** — **STATUS III. VALID**

CATCH.PS.CN.2024.0000034 Created by importer

Final state: VALID

Details of Processing Statement | Transport details

Processed fishery products

1 16 PREPARATIONS OF MEAT, OF FISH OR OF CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS OR OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES
1604 Prepared or preserved fish; caviar and caviar substitutes prepared from fish eggs
1604 20 Other prepared or preserved fish
1604 20 70 **Of tunas, skipjack or other fish of the genus Euthynnus**

Document number

TH.CONXEMAR1

✓ **A new serial number is assigned automatically**

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DIRECT USE OF CATCH BY NON-EU COUNTRIES

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#1 Exporter

Creates new CC in CATCH and submits it to the master of vessel* .

* or fishing licence holder

#2 Master of fishing vessel

Signs box 5 of the CC (after boxes 2,3 and 4 were filled-in) *.

* example without transhipments

#3 Exporter

Completes the “Transport details” and submits CC to the validating authority, for validation.

#4 Validating authority

Validates CC for exportation.

#1 Exporter

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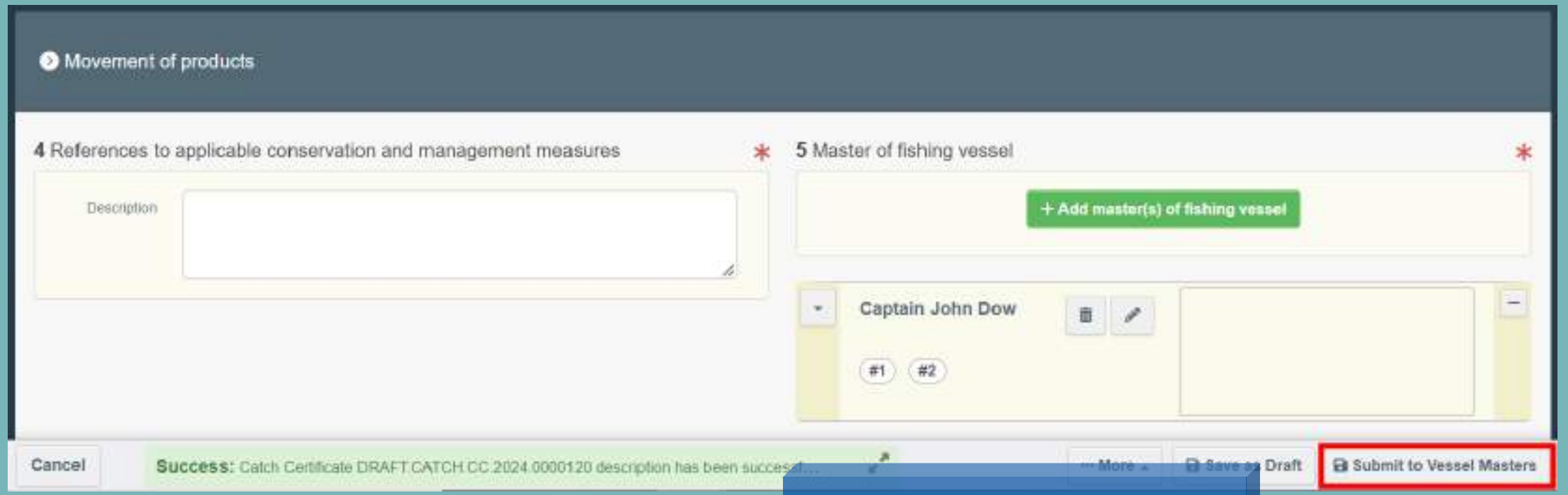

Step:

5. **Submit to the master (s) of fishing vessel**

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 # 2 Master of fishing vessel

STATUS I. UNSAVED — **STATUS II. DRAFT** — **STATUS III. NEW**

Step:
4. Sign Box 5

Next step:
3. Complete Box 4

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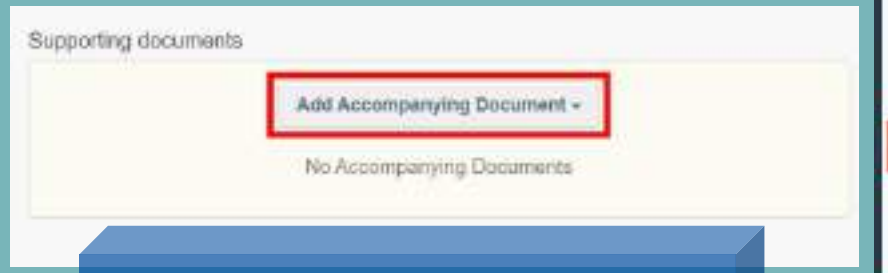
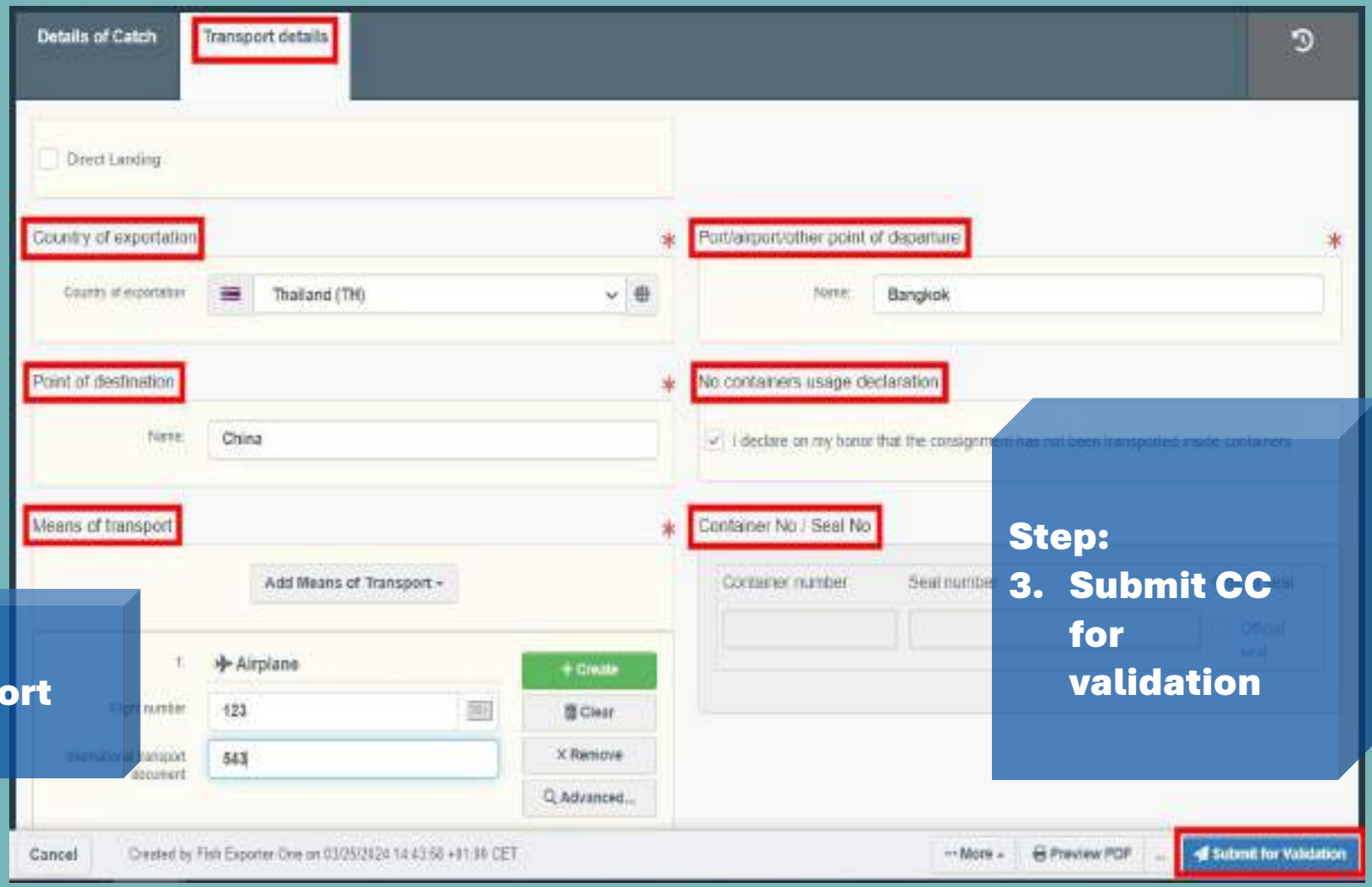
#3 Exporter

STATUS I. UNSAVED — **STATUS II. DRAFT** — **STATUS III. NEW** — **STATUS IV. MASTER OF VESSEL SIGNED**

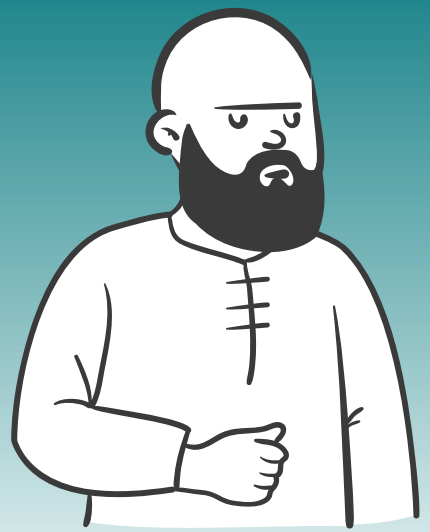


Step:
1. **Add supporting documents, if needed**

Step:
2. **Complete "Transport details"**



Step:
3. **Submit CC for validation**



Exporter

Details of Catch | Transport details

Direct Landing

Country of exportation

Country of exportation: Thailand

Port/airport/other point of departure

Name: Bangkok

Point of destination

Name: China

No containers usage declaration

I declare on my honor that the consignment has not been transported inside containers

Means of transport

1. Airplane

Flight number: 123

International transport document: 543

Container No / Seal No

Container number

Next operator(s)

Add next operator(s)

[en] catch.certificate.no.consignees

Cancel | Created by Fish Exporter One on 03/25/2024 14:43:58 +01:00 CET | More | Preview PDF | Update next operators

Note:
The exporter can add one or more "Next operators" (PP, exporters, importers, RFC), so that they have direct access to the certificate in CATCH

Next step:
✓ **Add next operator (s)**

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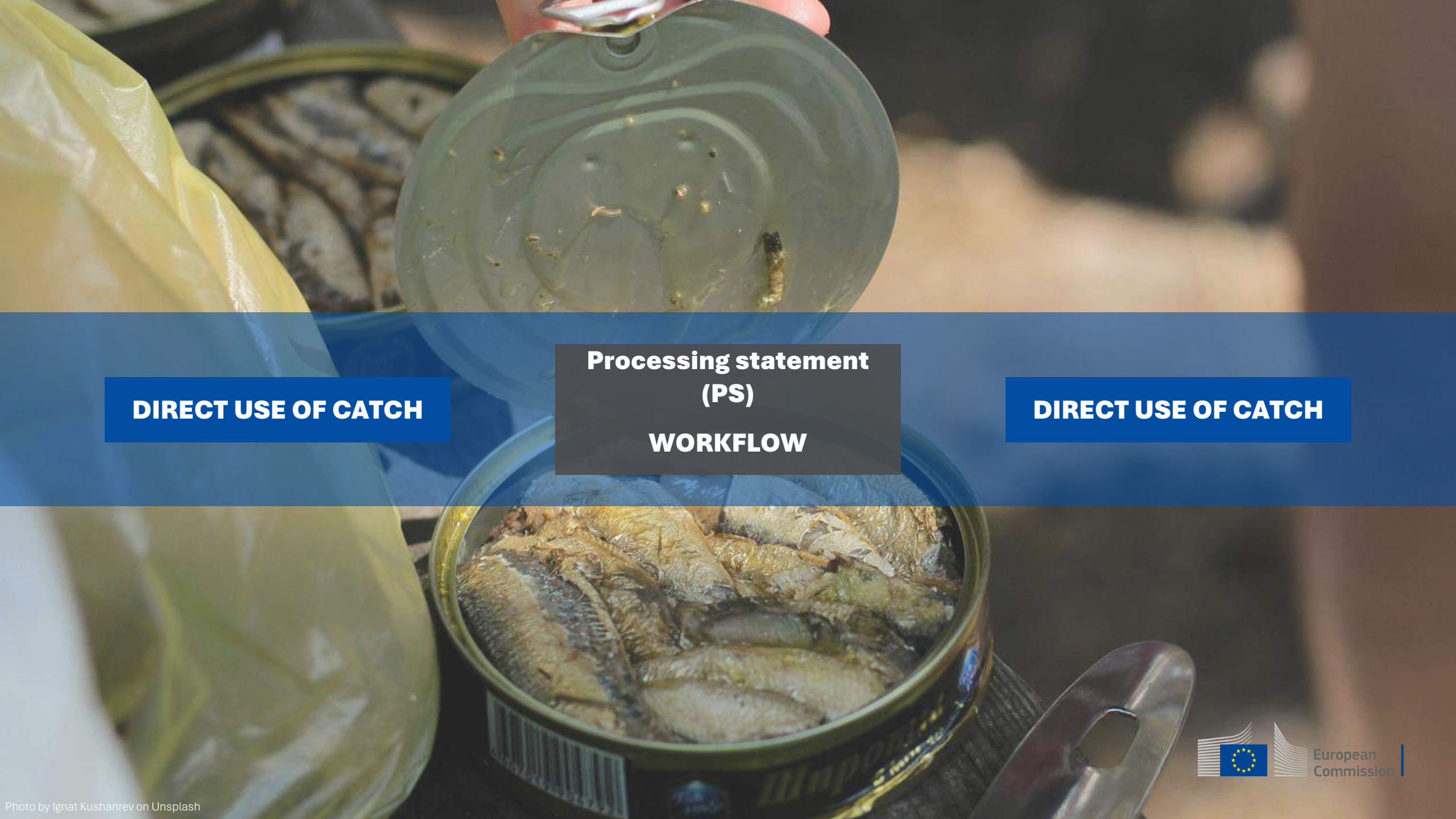

DIRECT USE OF CATCH

Processing statement (PS)

WORKFLOW

DIRECT USE OF CATCH

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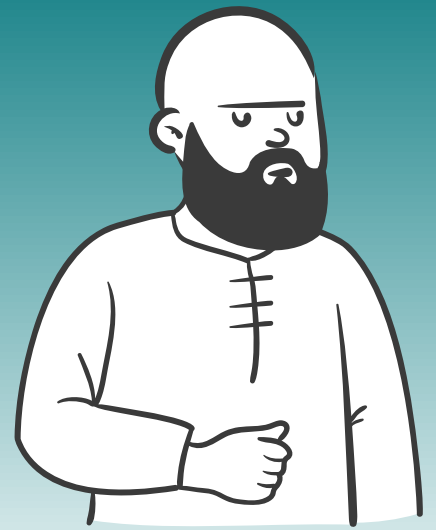

#1 Exporter

Selects FFP* operator as “Next operator” in CC

* Processing plants, factory/freezer vessel

#2 FFP operator

Has direct access to CC in CATCH - creates new PS and submits it to the endorsing authority, for endorsement.

#3 Endorsing authority

Endorses PS for exportation.

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ALTERNATIVE OPTION

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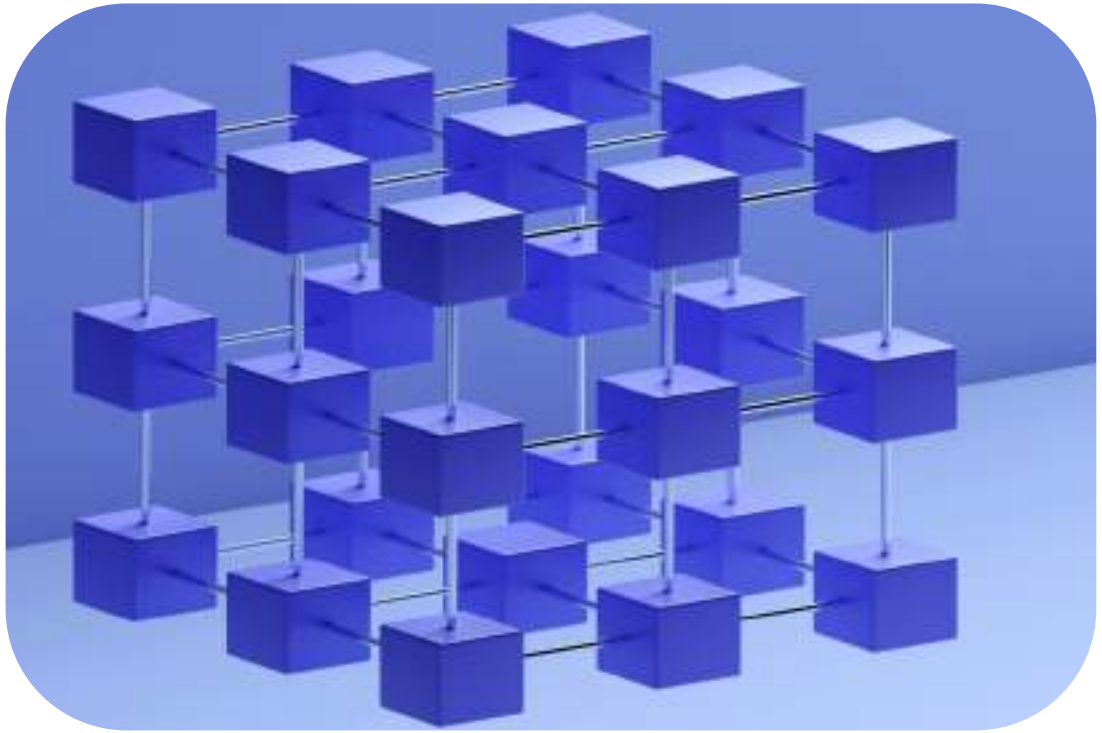
CATCH CERTIFICATE

Interoperability



The Commission offers the possibility of creating interoperability between CATCH and the national non-EU IT systems

Interoperability will allow the creation of catch certificates and processing statements for exports to the EU in national non-EU IT systems, later transferred into CATCH

Upon a formal request and analysis of the national non-EU IT system, the Commission can provide the relevant material for the development of the interoperability with CATCH

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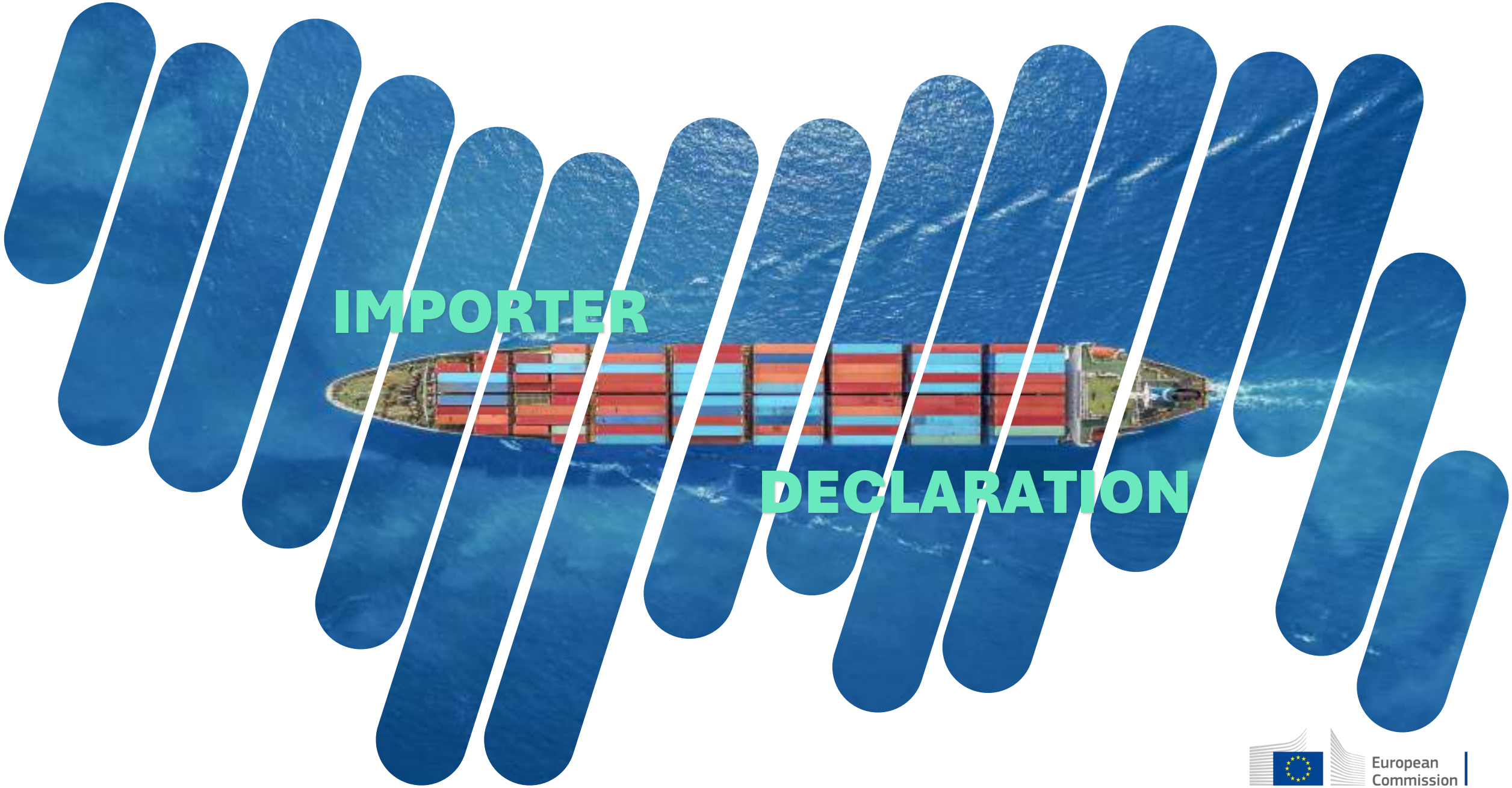

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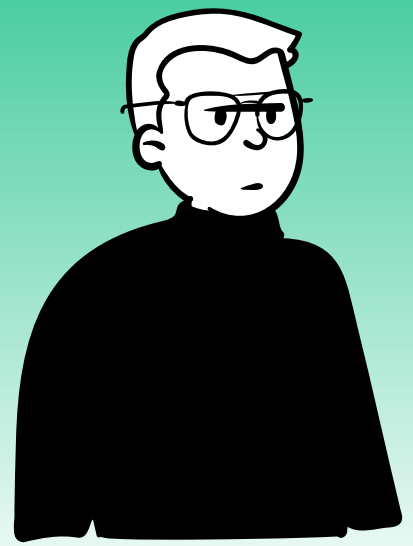

 # 1 Importer

Launch “Importer declaration” (IM) and submit all to the Import control authority.

 # Import control authority

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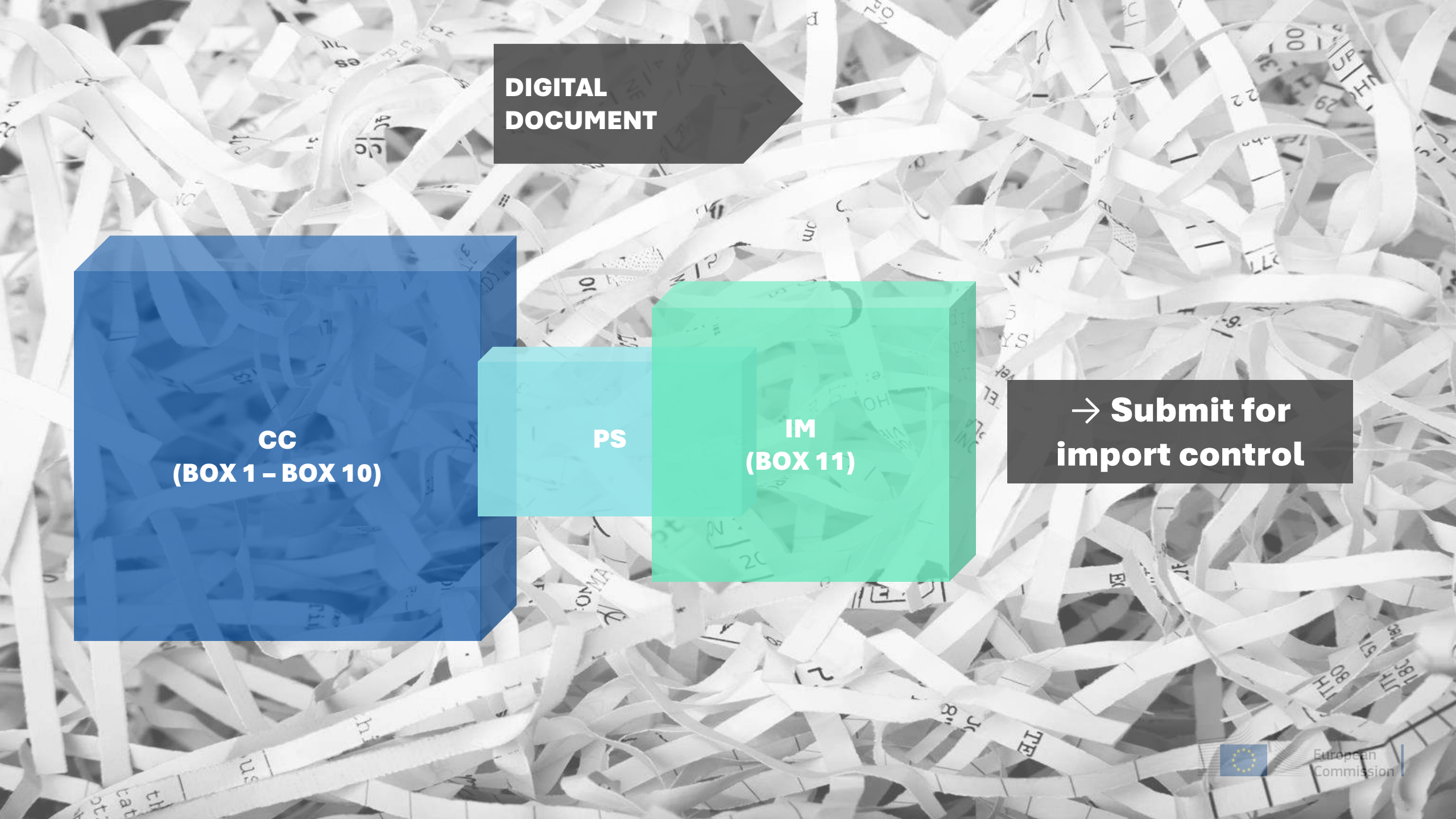
DIGITAL DOCUMENT
CC (BOX 1 – BOX 10)
PS
IM (BOX 11)
→ Submit for import control
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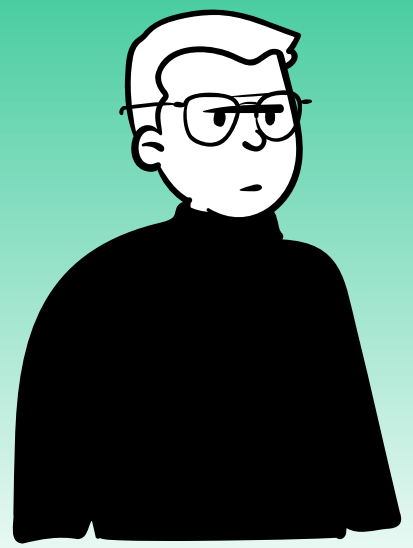

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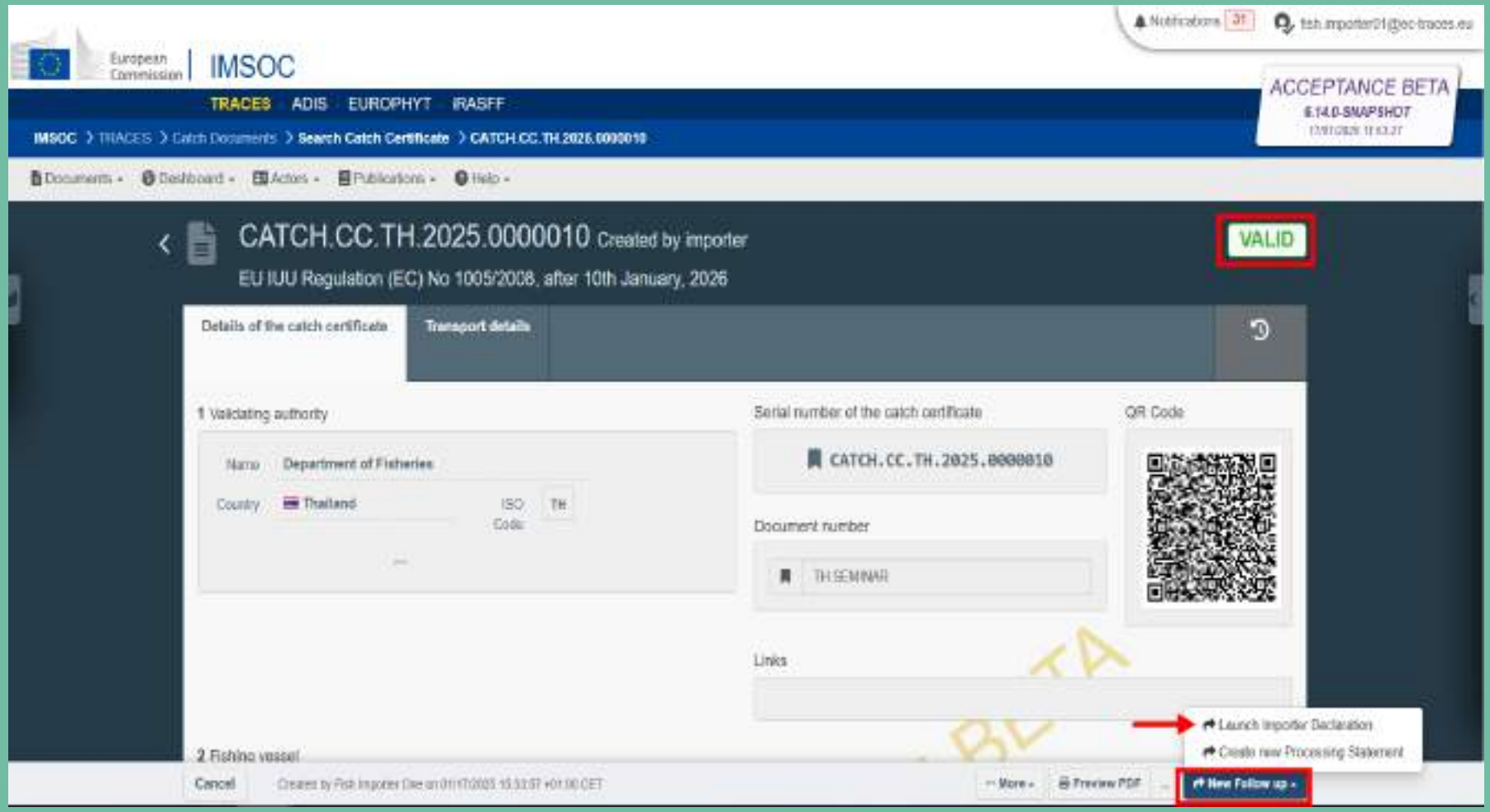

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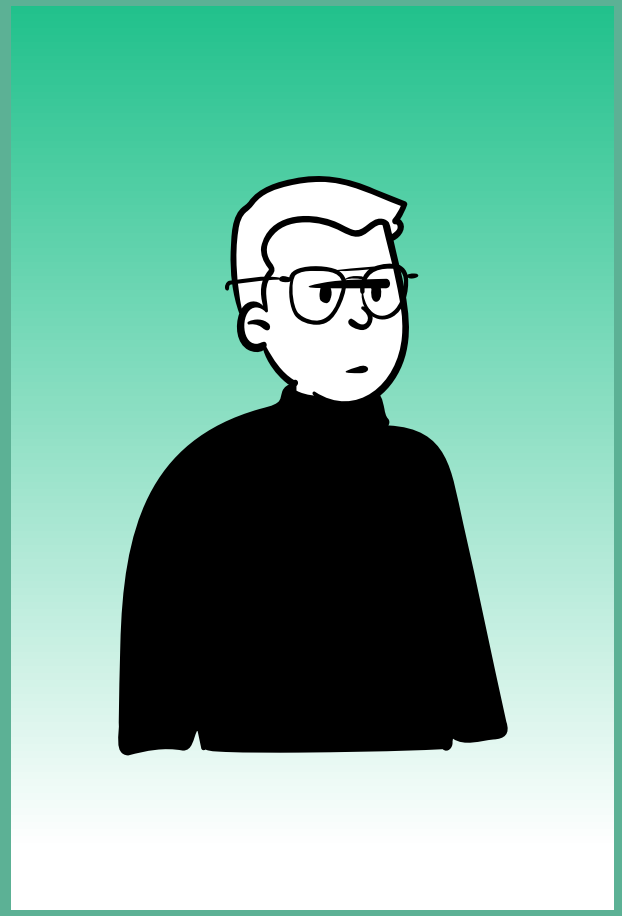

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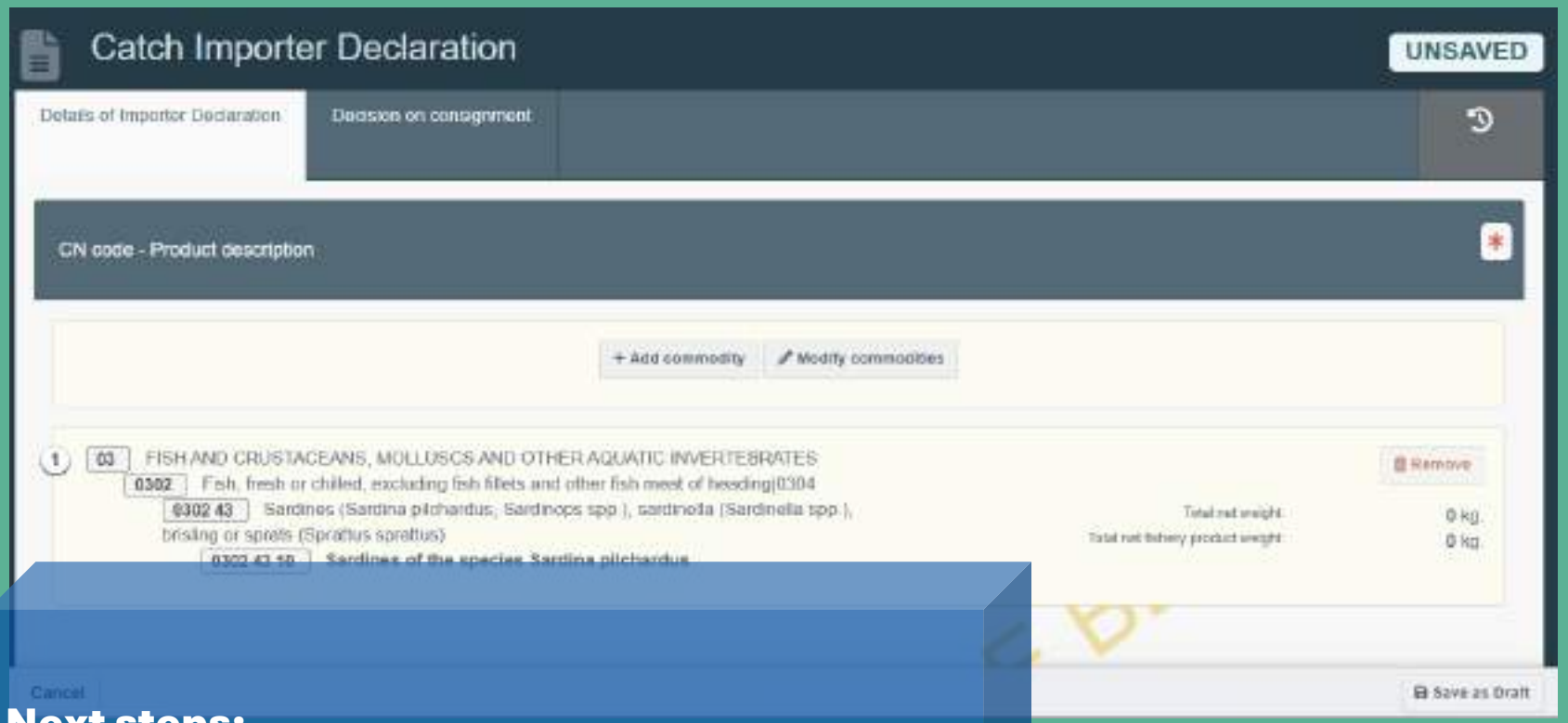

Next steps:

1. **Complete section “Importer” and “Representative”, if applicable**
2. **Save as Draft**
3. **Complete all boxes**
4. **Submit for Import control**

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Importer

STATUS
I. UNSAVED

Step:
1. **Complete section “Importer” and “Representative”, if applicable**

Step:
2. **Save as Draft**

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Importer

STATUS I. UNSAVED — **STATUS II. DRAFT**

✓ **A DRAFT serial number is assigned automatically**

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Importer

STATUS
I. UNSAVED

STATUS
II. DRAFT

Step:
3. Complete all boxes

Catch certificate commodities *

Certificate	Commodities					
CATCH.CC.TH.2025.0000010 TH.SEMINAR Thursday January 2, 2025	Catch description	Vessel name	CN code - Product description	Net weight in kg	Net fishery product weight in kg	−
	0302 43 SIX *Sardinella spp*	Thai Thai vessel	Select	0 Unit	0 Unit	
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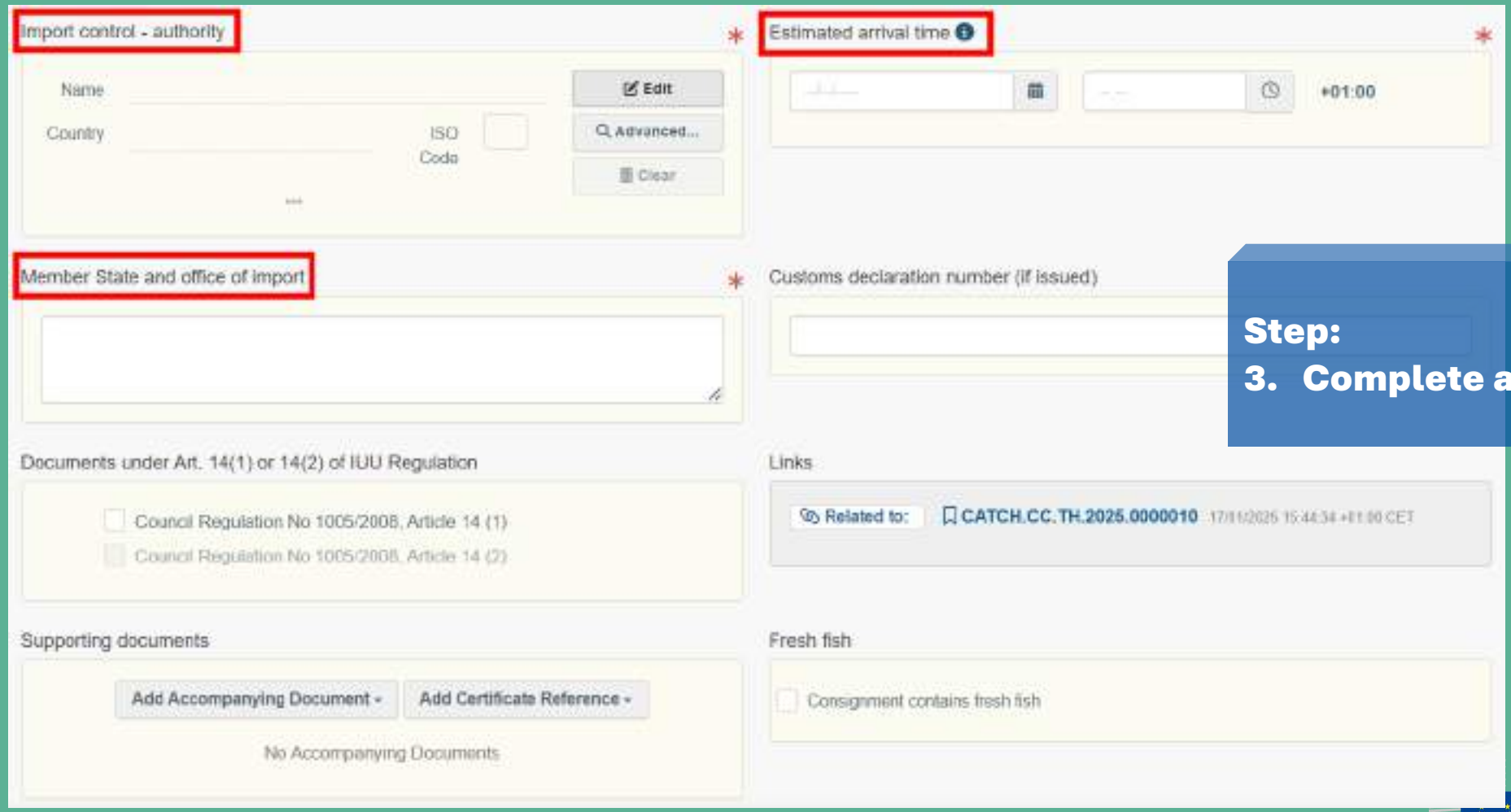

Step:

3. **Complete all boxes**

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STATUS I. UNSAVED — **STATUS II. DRAFT**

Supporting documents

Add Accompanying Document - | Add Certificate Reference -

No Accompanying Documents

Means of transport upon arrival (air, vehicle, ship, train) *

Add Means of Transport -

No Means of Transport before Entry Point

Fresh fish

Consignment contains fresh fish

Container Number / Seal Number

Container number	Seal number	Official seal

Format: *ABCJU or J or Z/1234567 = 3 letters, then either U or J or Z, then 7 numbers*

Fill last entries with seal / container numbers to add a new row

Cancel | Success: Catch Certificate DRAFT.CATCH.IM.2025.0000004 description ha... | ··· More - | Save as Draft | Submit for Import Control

Step:
3. Complete all boxes

Step:
6. Submit for Import control

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Importer

STATUS
I. UNSAVED

STATUS
II. DRAFT

STATUS
III. IMPORT CONTROL AUTHORITY NOTIFIED

✓ **A new serial number is assigned automatically**

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 # Import control authority

Takes a decision on importation.

 # Importer

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Importer

STATUS I. UNSAVED

STATUS II. DRAFT

STATUS III. IMPORT CONTROL AUTHORITY NOTIFIED

STATUS IV. VALID

STATUS V. REJECTED

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5
More to offer!

TRACES NT

Environments

PRODUCTION

Official environment

WEBSITE

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login

PROFILE

Personal EU login and real profile

STATISTICS

Real data for statistics

TRAINING

Testing environment - copy of the official

WEBSITE

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PROFILE

Fake profiles, created for testing purposes

STATISTICS

Fake data = fake statistics

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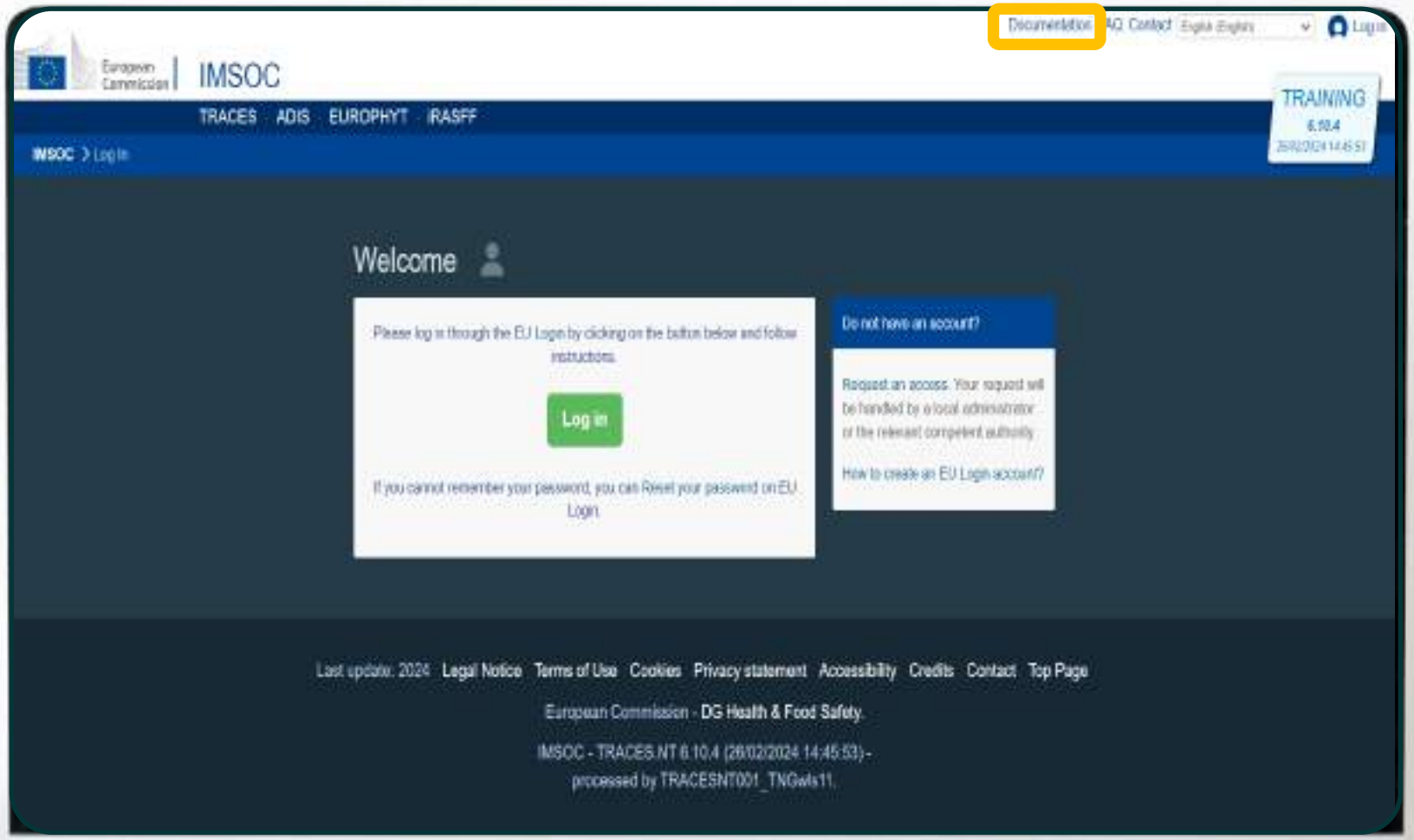

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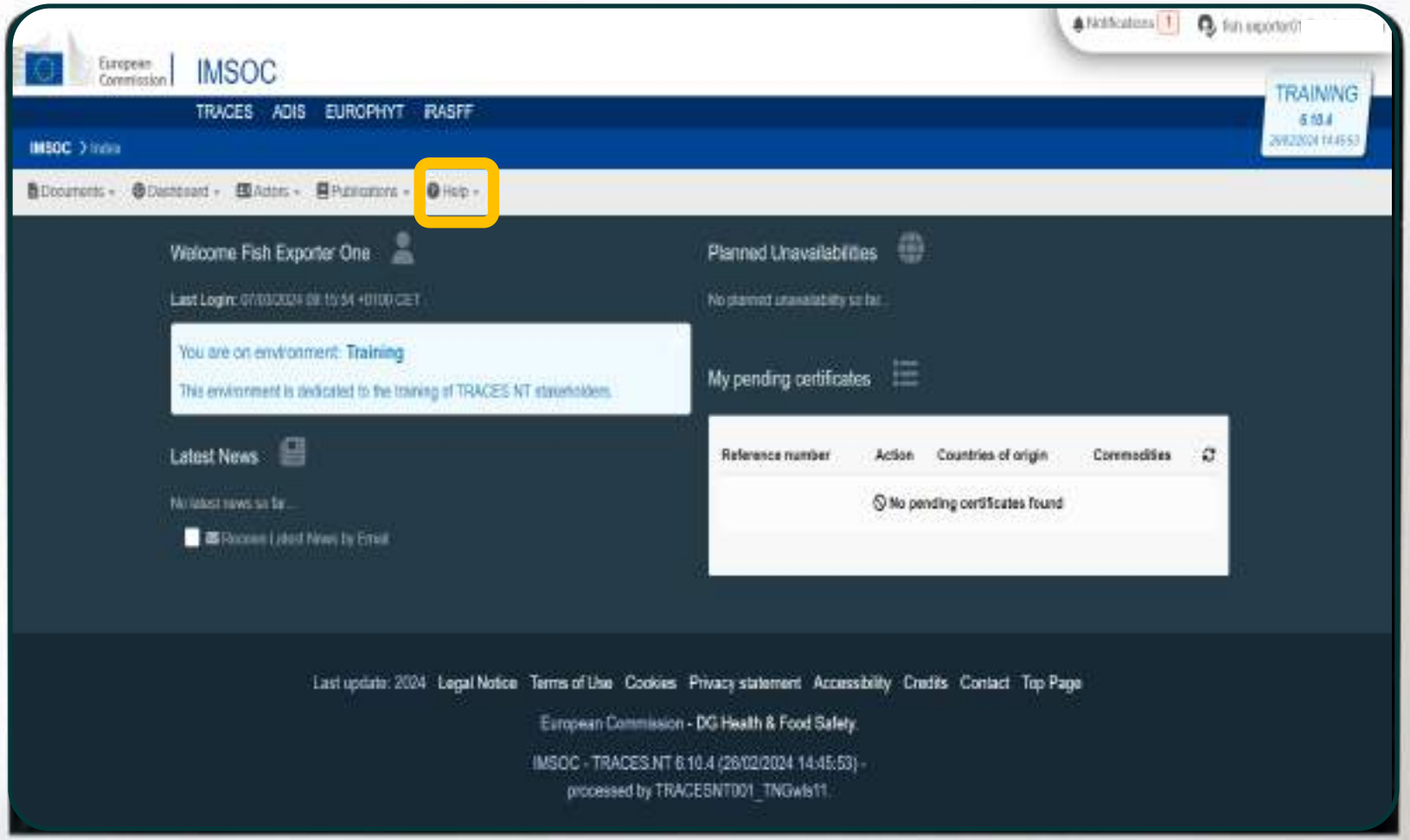

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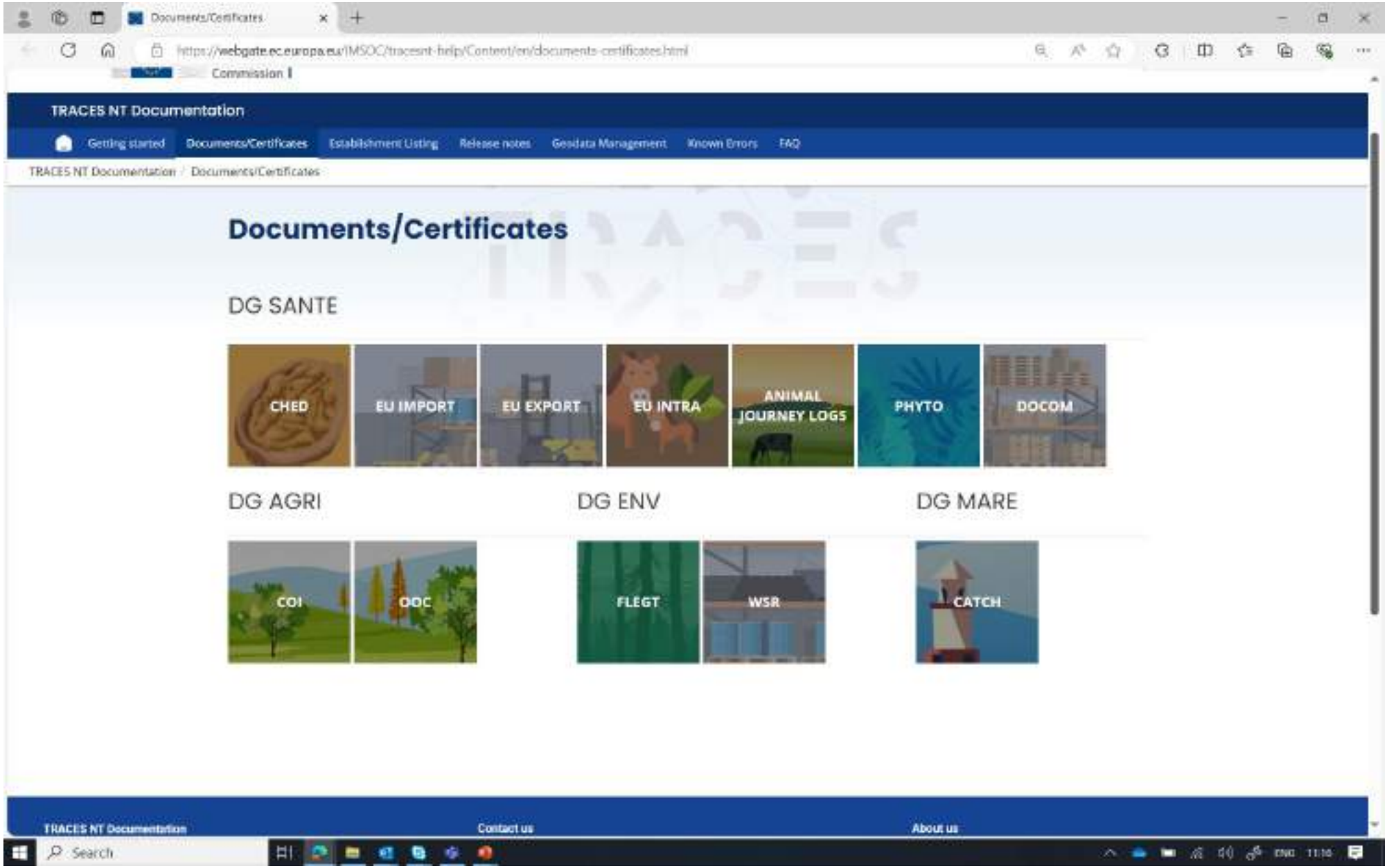

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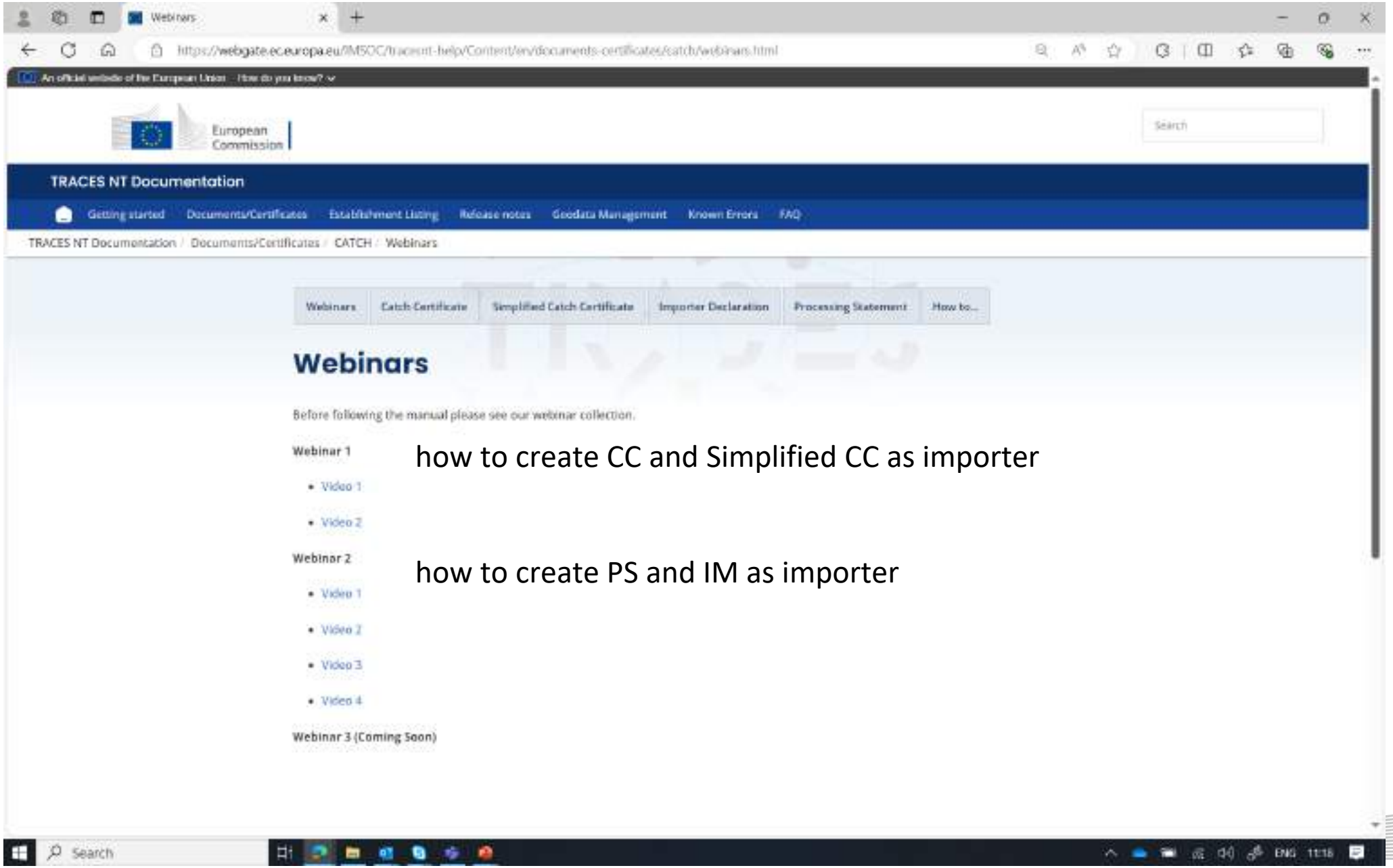
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