

**- RESOLUTION -  
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ICCAT BTSD PROGRAM  
(REPORTING TO SECRETARIAT)**

**TITLE: *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Effective Implementation of the  
ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program***  
(Transmitted to Contracting Parties: **January 23, 1995**)

*RECALLING* that the “*Resolution Concerning the Validation by a Government Official of the Bluefin Statistical Document*” and the “*Recommendation Concerning the Implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Program on Fresh Products*” were adopted by ICCAT at its 13th Regular Meeting held in November 1993;

*RECOGNIZING* that timely provision of information on validation from flag countries is essential for importing countries to implement the Program smoothly and effectively;

*CALLING ON* non-Contracting Parties which have major bluefin tuna import markets to join in the implementation of the Program as importing countries;

*BEING AWARE* of the need to establish a mechanism for comparing export and import data to enhance credibility of the statistical data obtained by the Program; and

*STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE* of collecting data on fresh/chilled bluefin tuna without deteriorating product quality;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RESOLVES THAT:

- a. Each Contracting Party shall provide to the Executive Secretary a sample of its statistical document form required with bluefin tuna imports and information on validation (e.g. type of validation, name of the organization which validates the documents, title of officials who validate the documents, sample impression of stamp or seal, tag samples), and inform him of any change in a timely fashion;
- b. The Executive Secretary shall request information on validation from all the non-Contracting Parties fishing and exporting bluefin tuna to Contracting Parties, and request them to inform him in a timely fashion of any changes in the information provided;
- c. The Executive Secretary shall maintain and update information specified in paragraphs a and b and provide it to all the Contracting Parties and promptly circulate any changes;
- d. The Commission shall request the non-Contracting Parties which are major importing countries of bluefin tuna to cooperate with implementation of the Program and to provide to the Commission data obtained from such implementation;
- e. The Contracting Parties which export or import bluefin tuna shall compile data from the Documents;
- f. The Contracting Parties which import bluefin tuna shall report the data collected by the Program to the Executive Secretary each year by April 1 for the period of July 1 - December 31 of the preceding year and October 1 for the period of January 1 - June 30 of the current year, which shall be circulated to all the Contracting Parties by the Executive Secretary. The format of the report is attached as an Addendum;
- g. The Contracting Parties which export bluefin tuna shall examine export data upon receiving the import data mentioned in paragraph f above from the Executive Secretary, and report the results to the Commission.
- h. The Contracting Parties should exchange copies of statistical documents to facilitate the examination mentioned in paragraph g.

**BIANNUAL REPORT OF THE ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Import Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 MONTH MONTH YEAR

Flag Country	Area Code	Gear Code	Point of Export	Product Type F/FR/RD/GG/DR/FL/OT		Product Wt.(kg)

Gear Code

Gear Type

- |      |   |
|------|---|
| BB   | Baitboat                                      |
| GILL | Gillnet                                       |
| HAND | Hand-line                                     |
| HARP | Harpoon                                       |
| LL   | Longline                                      |
| MWT  | Mid-water trawl                               |
| PS   | Purse seine                                   |
| RR   | Rod & reel                                    |
| SPHL | Sport Hand-line                               |
| SPOR | Sport fisheries unclassified                  |
| SURF | Surface fisheries unclassified                |
| TL   | Tended line                                   |
| TRAP | Trap  |
| TROL | Troll   |
| UNCL | Unclassified methods                          |
| OTH  | Other type (Indicate the type of gear): _____ |

Product Type

Area Code

- |    |                 |     |               |
|----|-----------------|-----|---------------|
| F  | Fresh           | WA  | West Atlantic |
| FR | Frozen          | EA  | East Atlantic |
| GG | Gilled & gutted | MED | Mediterranean |
| DR | Dressed         | PAC | Pacific       |
| FL | Fillet          |     |               |

<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b>	<b>MODEL ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT</b>
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**EXPORT SECTION:**

**1. FLAG COUNTRY**

**2. NAME OF VESSEL AND REGISTRATION NUMBER (when available)**

**3. TRAPS (if applicable)**

**4. POINT OF EXPORT (City, State or Province, & Country)**

**5. DESCRIPTION OF FISH**

<i>Product F/FR</i>	<i>Type<sup>a</sup> RD/GG/DR/FL/OT</i>	<i>Gear Code<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Area of catch<sup>c</sup></i>	<i>Net Weight (kg)</i>	<i>Tag Number (if applicable)</i>

<sup>a</sup> = F=Fresh, FR=Frozen, RD=Round, GG=Gilled & Gutted, DR=Dressed, FL=Fillet, OT=Oth  
 Describe the type of product: \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>b</sup> = When the Gear Code is OT, describe the type of gear: \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>c</sup> = Ocean area (e.g., east/west Atlantic, 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 applicable)	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if applicable)

**7. GOVERNMENT VALIDATION:**

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

Name & Title Seal	Signature	Date	Government

**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 applicable)	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if applicable)

Importer Certification (Intermediate Country)

Name applicable)	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if applicable)

Importer Certification (Final Destination of Shipment)

Name applicable)	Address	Signature	Date	License # (if applicable)

Final point of Import: City \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: IF A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS USED IN COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE ADD THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION ON THIS DOCUMENT.

## BLUEFIN TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

Pursuant to the 1992 ICCAT Recommendations, bluefin tuna dealers who import bluefin tuna into the territory of an ICCAT Contracting Party or at the first entry into a regional economic organization, will be required to complete the appropriate sections of the Document. Only complete and valid documents will guarantee that shipments of bluefin tuna will be allowed to enter the territory of Contracting Parties. Shipments of bluefin tuna that are accompanied by improperly documented Bluefin Tuna Statistical Documents (i.e., improperly documented means that the Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document is either missing from the shipment, incomplete, invalid or falsified) will be considered illegitimate shipments of bluefin tuna, that are contrary to ICCAT conservation efforts, and their entry will be suspended (PENDING RECEIPT OF A PROPERLY COMPLETED DOCUMENT) into the territory of a Contracting Party or subject to administrative or other sanction.

Please use this Instruction Sheet as a guideline to complete that section of the Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document that applies to Exporters, Importers, and Government Validation. If a language other than English is used in completing the form, please add the English translation on the Document. **NOTE: IF A BLUEFIN TUNA PRODUCT IS EXPORTED DIRECTLY TO JAPAN, WITHOUT FIRST 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 DIFFERENT FINAL DESTINATIONS OR EACH FISH MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SEPARATE DOCUMENT TO IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE SEPARATION OF SHIPMENTS BY AN INTERMEDIATE COUNTRY. THE IMPORT OF FISH PARTS OTHER THAN THE MEAT, i.e., HEAD, EYES, ROE, GUTS, TAILS MAY BE ALLOWED WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT.**

### INSTRUCTIONS

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:** Block 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 (when available):** Fill in the name and registration number of the vessel that harvested the bluefin tuna in the shipment. When tag numbers are provided in section 5, this section need not be filled in.
- (3) **TRAPS (if applicable):** Fill in the name of the trap that harvested the bluefin tuna in the shipment.
- (4) **POINT OF EXPORT:** Identify the City, 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 list below. For OTHER TYPE, describe the type of gear.
  - (3) Area of Catch: Identify the general area of the ocean in which the bluefin tuna product was harvested (i.e. east, west Atlantic, Mediterranean (see the map below), Pacific).
  - (4) Net product weight in kilograms.
  - (5) Country Coded Tag Number (if applicable).
- (6) **EXPORTER CERTIFICATION:** The person or company exporting the bluefin tuna shipment must provide his/her name, address, signature, date the shipment was exported, and dealer license number (if applicable).
- (7) **GOVERNMENT VALIDATION:** Fill in the name and full title of the official signing the Document. The official must be in the employment of the competent government authority of the flag state of the vessel that harvested the bluefin tuna appearing on the Document. This requirement may be waived according to the ICCAT RESOLUTION CONCERNING VALIDATION BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OF THE BLUEFIN TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT.
- (8) **IMPORTER CERTIFICATION:** The person or company that imports bluefin tuna must provide his/her name, address, signature, 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, the signature of the importer may be substituted by a person of a customs clearance company when the authority for signature is properly accredited to it by the importer.

#### GEAR CODE:

<i>GEAR CODE</i>	<i>GEAR TYPE</i>
BB	BAITBOAT
GILL	GILLNET
HAND	HANDLINE
HARP	HARPOON
LL	LOGLINE
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

**RETURN A COPY OF COMPLETED DOCUMENT TO: (the name of the office of the competent authority of the flag state).**