

**-- RECOMMENDATION --**  
**IMPLEMENTATION OF BTSD PROGRAM: RE-EXPORTS**

**TITLE: *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Implementation of the  
ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program on Re-export***  
(Transmitted to Contracting Parties: **December 12, 1997**)

*RECOGNIZING* that the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program has been working quite effectively to collect statistical information on catches of Atlantic bluefin tuna by non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities;

*RECOGNIZING* that the need for establishing a re-export system within the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program is increasing in Contracting Parties;

*ALSO RECOGNIZING* that it is necessary to establish a re-export system within the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program in order to ensure the smooth international trade of bluefin tuna products without diminishing the effectiveness of the Program, which aims to collect statistical information on catches of Atlantic bluefin tuna through international trade:

*BEARING IN MIND* that paragraph (d) of the 1994 Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Effective Implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program requests non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities which are major importers of bluefin tuna to cooperate with the implementation of the Program and to provide the Commission with data obtained from such implementation:

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

1. A Contracting Party shall be free to validate ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificates (a sample is attached as **Attachment 1**) for bluefin tuna imported by that Contracting Party, to which ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Documents or ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificates are attached. ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificates shall be validated by government organizations or by recognized institutions which are accredited by a Contracting Party's government to validate the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document. A copy of the original Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document accompanying the imported bluefin tuna must be attached to an ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificate. The copy of the original Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document so attached must be verified by that government organization or by that recognized institution accredited by a government which validated the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document. When re-exported bluefin tuna is again re-exported, all copies of documents, including a verified copy of a Statistical Document and Re-export Certificate which accompanied that bluefin tuna upon importation, must be attached to a new Re-export Certificate to be validated by a re-exporting Contracting Party. All copies of the Documents to be attached to that new Re-export Certificate must be also be verified by a government organization or a recognized institution accredited by a government which validated the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document.
2. ICCAT Contracting Parties which import bluefin tuna shall accept Re-export Certificates validated in accordance with the procedure set forth in paragraph 1 with attachments of all verified copies as required in paragraph 1.
3. ICCAT Contracting Parties that validate Re-export Certificates in accordance with the procedure set forth in paragraph 1 shall require from the re-exporting bluefin dealer necessary documents (e.g. written sales contracts) which are to certify that the bluefin tuna to be re-exported corresponds to the imported bluefin tuna. Contracting Parties which validate Re-export Certificates shall provide flag states and importing states with evidence of this correspondence upon their request.
4. Contracting Parties which import re-exported bluefin tuna shall report import data obtained from Re-export Certificates to the Executive Secretary each year by April 1 for the period of July 1 - December 31 of the preceding year and by October 1 for the period of January 1 - June 30 of the current year, which shall be circulated to all Contracting Parties by the ICCAT Executive Secretary. The format of this report shall be that as described in **Attachment 2**.
5. Contracting Parties shall be free to accept Re-export Certificates validated by a non-contracting [party, entity, or fishing entity] which has established an import scheme of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program and implements it in accordance with this recommendation and paragraph (d) of the 1994 Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Effective Implementation of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program.

<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b>		<b>ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE</b>		
<b>RE-EXPORT SECTION:</b>				
<b>1. RE-EXPORTING COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY</b>				
<b>2. POINT OF RE-EXPORT</b>				
<b>3. DESCRIPTION OF IMPORTED FISH</b>				
<i>Product F/FR</i>	<i>Type RD/GG/DR/FL/OT</i>	<i>Net Weight (kg)</i>	<i>Flag country/ Entity/Fishi ng entity</i>	<i>Date of import</i>
F=Fresh, FR=Frozen, RD=Round, GG=Gilled & Guttled, DR=Dressed, FL=Fillet, OT=Other (Describe the type of product)				
<b>4. DESCRIPTION OF FISH FOR RE-EXPORT</b>				
<i>Product F/FR</i>	<i>Type RD/GG/DR/FL/OT</i>	<i>Net Weight (kg)</i>		
F=Fresh, FR=Frozen, RD=Round, GG=Gilled & Guttled, DR=Dressed, FL=Fillet, OT=Other (Describe the type of product)				
<b>5. RE-EXPORTER CERTIFICATION:</b>				
I certify that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.				
<b>Name # (if applicable)</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>License</b>
<b>6. GOVERNMENT VALIDATION:</b>				
I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.				
<b>Name &amp; Title Government Seal</b>		<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	
<b>IMPORT SECTION:</b>				
<b>IMPORTER CERTIFICATION:</b> I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my know and belief.				
<b>Name License # (if applicable)</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	
<b>Name License # (if applicable)</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	
<b>Name License # (if applicable)</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	
<b>(FINAL) POINT OF IMPORT:</b>				
<b>City</b>	<b>State/Province</b>	<b>Country/Entity/Fishing Entity</b>		

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

## ICCAT BLUEFIN TUNA RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTION SHEET

Under the framework of the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical document Program, a request for the establishment of a system enabling re-export was growing recently. In 1997, a Recommendation was adopted to implement the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna statistical Document Program for Re-export. Pursuant to this Recommendation, bluefin tuna dealers who import re-exported\*1 bluefin tuna to Japan will be required to submit an ICCAT Bluefin tuna Re-export Certificate\*2 to be validated by a government official of the intermediate country or area\*3, or by a recognized institution, such as a Chamber of Commerce and Industry, accredited by the government of the intermediate country or area. A copy of the original Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document (BTSD) accompanying the bluefin tuna at the time of importation must be attached to the Re-export Certificate. The copy of the original BTSD so attached must be verified by a government official of the intermediate country or area, or by a recognized institution, such as a Chamber of Commerce and Industry, accredited by the government of the intermediate country or area. When re-exported bluefin tuna are again re-exported\*4, all copies of documents, including a verified copy of a BTSD and Re-export Certificate which accompanied that bluefin tuna must be attached to a new Re-export Certificate to be validated by a government official of the last intermediate country or area, or by a recognized institution, such as a Chamber of Commerce and Industry, accredited by the government of the last intermediate country or area. Only bluefin tuna accompanied by a complete and valid Re-export Certificate will be allowed to enter Japan. Shipments of re-exported bluefin tuna accompanied by an improperly documented\*5 Re-export Certificate will be considered illegitimate shipments of re-exported bluefin that are contrary to ICCAT conservation efforts, and their entry into Japan will be suspended pending receipt of a properly documented Re-export Certificate.

### NOTE:

- \*1 “Re-export” means that bluefin tuna passes through a country or an area (tax-exempted areas are excluded) after being exported from the flagship country or the area (tax-exempted areas are excluded) of the fishing vessel which has caught that bluefin tuna.
- \*2 Hereinafter called “Re-export Certificate”.
- \*3 “An intermediate country or area” means a country or an area through which bluefin tuna pass after being exported from the flagship country or the area (tax-exempted areas are excluded) of the fishing vessel which has caught that bluefin tuna.
- \*4 Re-export of bluefin tuna from one Member State of the European Union to another is exempted.
- \*5 “Improperly documented” means that the Re-export Certificate is either missing from the shipment, incomplete, invalid, or falsified.

Please use this instruction sheet as a guideline to complete that section of the Bluefin Tuna Re-export Certificate that applies to Exporters, Importers, and Government Validation. If a language other English is used in completing the form, please add the English translation on the Certificate. NOTE: IF A BLUEFIN TUNA PRODUCT IS RE-EXPORTED DIRECTLY TO JAPAN, WITHOUT FIRST GOING THROUGH AN INTERMEDIATE COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY, ALL FISH CAN BE IDENTIFIED ON ONE CERTIFICATE. HOWEVER, IF THE BLUEFIN TUNA PRODUCT IS RE-EXPORTED THROUGH AN INTERMEDIATE COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY (i.e. A COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY OTHER THAN THE COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY WHICH IS THE FINAL DESTINATION OF THE PRODUCT), A SEPARATE CERTIFICATE MUST BE PREPARED FOR DIFFERENT FINAL DESTINATIONS OR EACH FISH MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SEPARATE CERTIFICATE TO IDENTIFY ANY POSSIBLE SEPARATION OF SHIPMENTS BY AN INTERMEDIATE COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY. THE IMPORT OF FISH PARTS OTHER THAN THE MEAT, i.e. HEADS, EYES, ROE, GUTS, TAILS MAY BE ALLOWED WITHOUT THE CERTIFICATE.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:** Block for the issuing Country/Entity/Fishing Entity to designate a Country/Entity/Fishing Entity coded document number.

### (1) RE-EXPORTING COUNTRY/ENTITY/FISHING ENTITY

Fill in the name of the Country/Entity/Fishing Entity which re-exports the bluefin tuna in the shipment and issued this Certificate. According to the ICCAT Recommendation, only the re-exporting Country/Entity/Fishing Entity can issue this Certificate.

### (2) POINT OF RE-EXPORT

Identify the City/State Province and Country/Entity/Fishing Entity from which the bluefin tuna was re-exported.

### (3) DESCRIPTION OF IMPORTED 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) Net weight: Net product weight in kilograms. (3) Flag Country/Entity/Fishing Entity: the name of the Country/Entity/Fishing Entity of the vessel that harvested the bluefin tuna in the shipment. (4) Date of import: Imported date.

### (4) DESCRIPTION OF RE-EXPORTED 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) Net weight: Net product weight in kilograms.

### (5) RE-EXPORTED CERTIFICATION

The person or company re-exporting the bluefin tuna shipment must provide his/her name, address, signature, date the shipment was re-exported, and re-exporter's license number (if applicable).

### (6) GOVERNMENT VALIDATION

Fill in the name and full title of the official signing the Certificate. The official must be in the employment of the competent government authority of the re-exporting Country/Entity/Fishing Entity appearing on the Certificate. This requirement may be waived according the ICCAT RESOLUTION CONCERNING VALIDATION BY AN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OF THE BLUEFIN STATISTICAL DOCUMENT.

### (7) IMPORTER CERTIFICATION

The person or company that imports bluefin tuna must provide his/her name, address, signature, date the bluefin tuna was imported, license number (if applicable) and re-exported final point of import. This includes imports into intermediate Countries/Entities/Fishing Entities. 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.

**RETURN A COPY OF THE COMPLETED CERTIFICATE TO:** (the name of the office of the competent authority of the re-exporting Country/Entity/Fishing Entity).

**BIANNUAL REPORT OF THE ICCAT BLUEFIN  
TUNA RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

Period: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Import Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Month) (Year)

Flag Country	Re-export Country	Point of Export	Product Type		Product Weight (kg)
			F/FR	RD/GG/DR/FL/OT	