## Submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States

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The Commission has presented a report on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1921/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States.

The report documents the progress made by Member States and EFTA countries with respect to the provisions of the Landings Regulation, requiring each Member State to submit data annually on the weight, presentation, intended use and average price of fishery products landed on its territory by European and EFTA vessels.

Logbooks, sales notes and landing declarations are the most important administrative sources of catch and landings data.

According to the Commission, the data continue to be a valuable source of information for formulating policy and managing markets within the common fisheries policy (CFP) framework. The report's main observations include:

- EEEEEEE the reduction in frequency of the quality reports **reduces the workload** for Member States;

To achieve **cost-effectiveness**, the Commission considers that the following factors are relevant:

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- EEEEEEE the coordination of data collection with other Commission services;
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The above will assist in making optimum use of all available administrative sources in the fishing sector, in particular those based on monitoring, control and surveillance, which are commonly used in all the Member States. These sources represent a **complete census** and no statistical sampling is employed. In addition to the above, any gaps in the data coverage could be resolved through 'ad hoc' statistical surveys such as **employment figures**.

Some difficulties have been noted in collecting detailed and accurate data for **artisanal vessels** due to the large number of vessels and landing places. This kind of fleet engages in activities that vary considerably by season. Also, the lack of a VMS or logbook makes it more difficult to control these landings.

The Commission notes that there has been an improvement in the **completeness and timeliness of the questionnaires produced** compared with former reports. However, this report also indicates that further improvements are necessary to enhance the quality of the landing statistical data.

Eurostat plans to **review its quality questionnaires report on landings statistics** to gather more accurate information on the quality of the administrative sources used by the Member States. It also envisages that more technical support will be provided to those Member States which request it.

Concrete actions to achieve improved data will be considered to assist in minimising the response burden on Member States and avoid double reporting, thus optimising the use of Commission resources.