# Regulations for export of seafood from third countries

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## Focus on the EU

- 27 countries with nearly 500 million people
- Huge variety:
  - >coastline vs landlocked
  - ➤ low vs high fish consumption (3.9 59.3 kg/capita/year)
  - ➤ different degrees of development (US\$ 11,500 78,000 GDP/capita)
- Heterogeneous

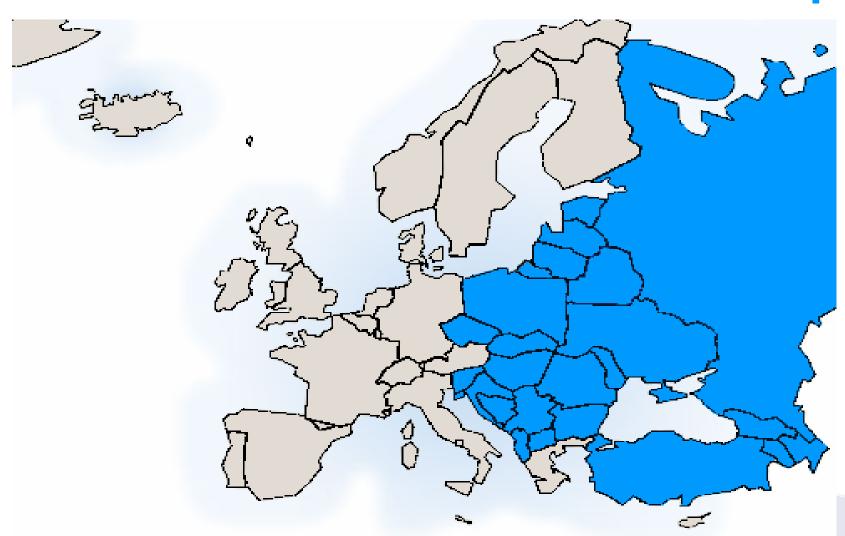


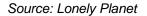
## Focus on the EU continued

• 27 EU Members: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, **Estonia**, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, **Poland**, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, UK



# Focus on Central and Eastern Europe







## Focus on CEE continued

- Important evolution over the past 5 years:
   10 new member countries in the EU
  - economic stability, free trade flow, access to EU fisheries structural funds
- Different degrees of evolution between countries (GDP/capita US\$ 2,300 – 27,900)
- Positive GDP growth for 2011
- Fast recovering from recession



## Focus on CEE continued

- 10 EU Member States
- 3 EU Candidates: Croatia, Macedonia, Turkey
- 4 EU Potential Other Balkan (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia)
- The CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States): Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, etc



# Focus on CEE continued Trade with the EU 2009 Figures

- The EU is the most important market for CEE fish exports: €1.5 billion
- Largest intra-EU exporter is Poland:
   €536 million
- Fastest growing EU suppliers: Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Turkey
- Drop in Russian exports to the EU (€268 million from €357 mln in 2006)



- Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection (DG SANCO)
  - includes the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO), Dublin, Ireland
- European Food Safety
   Authority (EFSA) Parma,
   Italy

#### Also

- DG AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development
- DG MARE Maritime Affairs and Fisheries





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## Pre-requisite:

- Recognition of the national Competent Authority (CA)
- Countries must have a credible CA responsible for inspection and controls



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- CA provides the EU with a list of approved establishments
- CA guarantees companies' continued compliance with EU requirements
- CA is checked by the FVO to see if they are doing the job and to establish confidence



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- Live fish and bivalve molluscs (must fulfil relevant animal health standards)
- Relevant hygiene and public health requirements are met (structure of vessels, processing establishments, freezing and storage)
- Approved production areas for bivalves and close monitoring to exclude contamination with marine biotoxins
- Aquaculture products control plan on heavy metals, contaminants, residues of pesticides and veterinary drugs (yearly renewal)



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- Equivalence legislation in the third country must match that used in the EU
- Compliance how countries/companies prove that they have done what they are supposed to
- Harmonisation bringing together all the legislation across the EU



# Focus on EU Regulations

### Regulation 178/2002 – the Food Law

- general principles and requirements
- compliance or equivalence
- responsibility of food importers

#### Directive 97/78

 principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries

## Regulation 882/2004

 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare



## Focus on EU Regulations continued

### Regulation 852/2004

 on the hygiene of foodstuffs, including obligations of food business operators in third country

### Regulation 853/2004

specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin including obligations of EU importers

### Regulation 854/2004

 specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption



# Focus on EU Regulations continued

#### **Directive 2002/99**

 the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption

#### **Regulation 2074/2005**

• **implementing measures** for certain products under Regulation 853/2004 and for the organisation of official controls under Regulation 854/2004 and Regulation 882/2004, derogating from Regulation 852/2004 and amending Regulations 853/2004 and 854/2004

#### **Regulation 2073/2005**

• on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs



## Focus on EU Regulations continued

#### Regulation 2406/96

marketing standards for certain fishery products (freshness, size, grading)

#### **Regulation 2065/2001**

 rules for the application of Regulation 104/2000 regarding informing consumers about fishery and aquaculture products

### Regulation 2006/88 (implemented by Regulation 1251/2008)

 animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products and on the prevention and control of certain diseases; conditions and certification requirements for import and placing on the EU market



## **Your Guide**

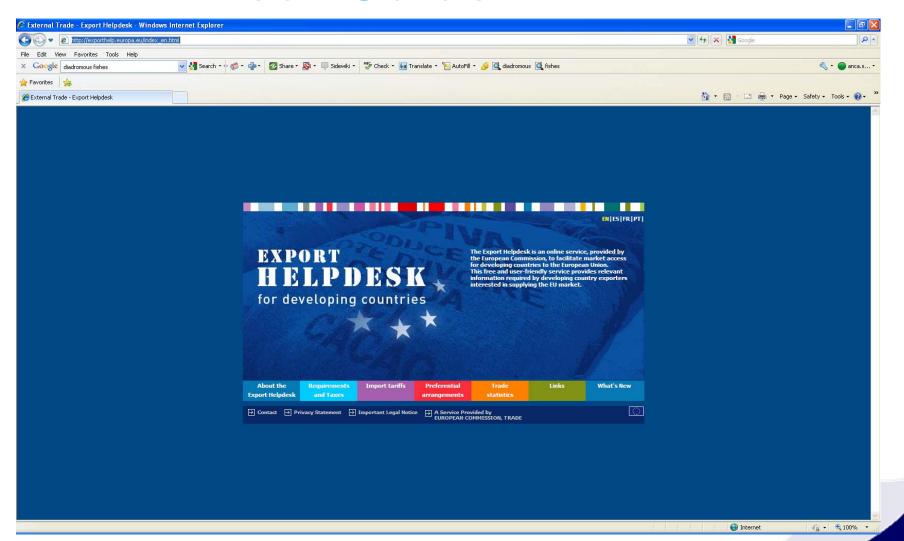
 General guidance on EU import and transit rules for live animals and animal products from third countries

http://ec.europa.eu/food/international/trade/

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/index\_en.html

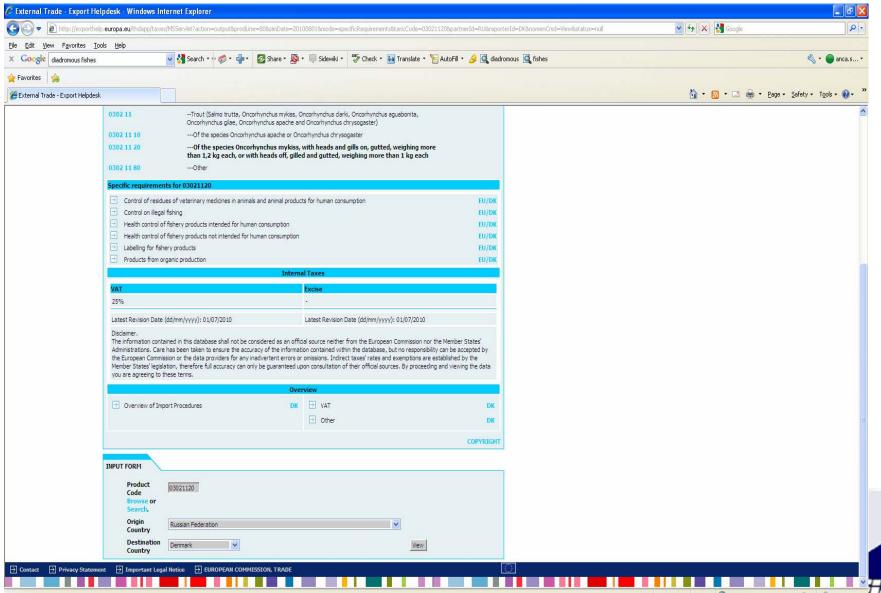


## Your Guide - continued





## Your Guide - continued



# Who is EUROFISH www.eurofish.dk

- Information, advice and training to Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) focusing on trade and markets, fish processing and aquaculture
- 13 Member Countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain and Turkey



## What We Do

- Publications (EUROFISH Magazine) and Dissemination of Information (Market Reports, guide books for the industry)
- Advertising and promotions
- Projects: industry, trade and markets, aquaculture, seafood safety and quality assurance



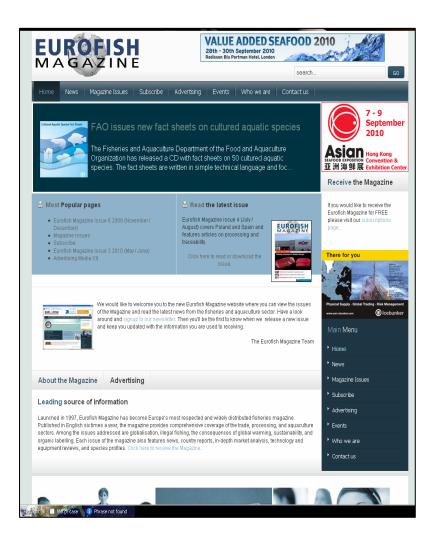
# **EUROFISH Magazine**



- Romania: Aquaculture up, capture fishing down
  Fisheries: Europe reviews its Common Fisheries Policy
  Offshore aquaculture: A promise not yet fulfilled
  - FISH INFOnetwork

- Leading fishery and seafood magazine
- Promotes industry and events in EUROFISH member states
- Print run 3,000 copies
- Free distribution to member countries
- Features on countries, aquaculture, trade, technology, processing

# www.eurofishmagazine.com



- Portal for our and CEE products and services
- Promotion of the Region – including Member Countries
- Customer relationships through Newsletters





## Guidebooks

Guide to Recirculation Aquaculture soon in Russian!

Handbook for Sustainable Aquaculture

Guide to Packaging Technology for Seafood Value-addition

Guide to Seafood Hygiene Management

Guide to Traceability

Sustainability and Quality
Assurance in the Seafood Sector
pipeline





# **GLOBEFISH Publications**

**Commodity Updates** 

European Price Report

**FIN Market Reports** 

GLOBEFISH Research Programme



# **Advertising and Promotion**

- Fish international, Bremen
- North Atlantic Seafood Forum, Oslo
- European Seafood Exposition, Brussels
- Future Fish Eurasia, Izmir
- Conxemar, Vigo
- Interfish, Moscow





Your marketplace for fish & seafood in Germany







## **Projects**



#### **Key areas**

- Industry, trade and markets
- Aquaculture
- Seafood safety and quality assurance
- Dissemination of information

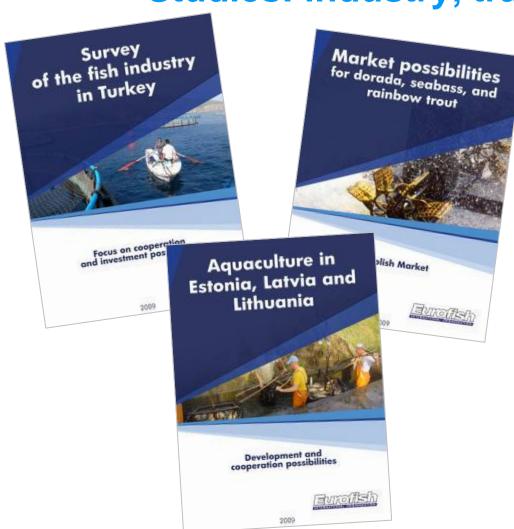
#### **Activities**

- Market and sector studies and surveys
- Workshops and conferences
- Training
- Promotions
- B2B meetings



## Projects - continued

Studies: industry, trade and markets



Fish industry in Turkey

Market opportunities for dorada, seabass and rainbow trout in Poland

Aquaculture in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania



# **Projects** - continued Workshops

- Implementation of marketing standards
- Recirculation
   Technologies
- Certification, traceability and market demands
- WTO and Fisheries

# FAO and EUROFISH Regional Workshop

Kiev, Ukraine, 29 – 31 March 2010





# Projects - continued

Trade development



- Business to Business (B2B) Meetings between Spanish, Russian and three Baltic States
- Partner: Spanish Government -International Aquaculture Plan
- Location: Russia



## **In-House Expertise**

- Catch handling and chain management with focus on quality assurance and traceability
- Trade and marketing
- Dissemination of information
- IT enabled services and database management





# **Networking and Partnership**









 Project cooperation with member countries and potential new member countries



 Strengthen communication with member countries



 Building on the existing relationships with FAO and partners





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# Thank you for your attention



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