

Regulations amending the regulations relating to electronic reporting for vessels flying the flag of a member state of the European Union (EU) in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen

On 17 January 2012, under sections 4 and 6 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway, cf the decision of 20 August 1993 No. 813 on delegation of authority, section 8 of the Act of 17 June 1966 No. 19 relating to a prohibition against fishing etc by foreign nationals in Norway's territorial waters, and sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 43 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources (Marine Resources Act), cf section 16 of the Regulations of 31 August 2010 No. 1231 relating to electronic reporting for vessels flying the flag of a member state of the European Union (EU) in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, the Directorate of Fisheries prescribed as follows:

I

The following amendments shall be made to the Regulations of 31 August 2010 No.1231 relating to electronic reporting for vessels flying the flag of a member state of the European Union (EU) in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen:

Section 5, first paragraph (amended), shall read as follows:

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 and that have been allocated licences to fish in Norwegian waters shall, at the earliest 12 hours and at the latest one hour prior to entering the zone, send a catch on entry report (COE). Vessels that have been allocated licences to fish in the Economic Zone of Norway north of latitude 62°N shall, at the earliest 24 hours and at the latest 12 hours prior to starting fishing operations in the zone, send a catch on entry report. Any vessel assisting the fishing fleet shall send a catch on entry report each time it enters the zone. However, no catch on entry report shall be sent if a vessel enters the zone from the territorial waters of Norway. Vessels may not begin fishing in Norwegian waters before catch on entry reports have been acknowledged (ACK) by the Directorate of Fisheries in accordance with section 12 of these regulations.

Section 6, fourth paragraphs, data elements ZO, GS, FO (amended) and ME (new), shall read as follows:

Block B Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Start zone	ZO	M	Zone where fishing operation starts (LT, LG) (ISO alpha-3 codes). See Appendix 2
Gear specification	GS	(M)	1 = single trawl, 2 = double trawl, 3 = triple trawl, 4 = more than a triple trawl. Mandatory if using a trawl
Mesh size	ME	M	Mesh size of the fishing gear in millimetres (mm).

			Mandatory if vessel is trawling, gill netting or purse seining
Fishing operation (quantity of deployed gear)	FO	(M)	Total number of hooks or total length of gillnets deployed (metres) per day. Mandatory if vessel is longlining or gill-netting

Section 8, first paragraph (amended), shall read as follows:

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall, irrespective of whether any catches are to be landed, send a port report no later than two hours before entering a Norwegian port. Such reports shall be sent irrespective of whether the vessel has landed any catch.

Section 10, first paragraph (amended), shall read as follows:

When fishing is discontinued, vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall send a catch on exit report. Such reports shall be sent before exiting from the Economic Zone of Norway or the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen. If the vessel is to report for control, the catch on exit report shall be sent at the latest before arrival at the control point or area, or before the vessel reports for control. No catch on exit report shall be sent if the vessel sails into the territorial waters of Norway.

Section 12, second paragraph (new), shall read as follows:

If the return message has the return status ACK, this is confirmation that the report has been received by the Directorate of Fisheries, and that the format and mandatory fields have been checked and approved. Return status ACK does not mean that the report otherwise has been checked for compliance with the legislation and for factual accuracy.

Section 12, second paragraph, becomes the third paragraph.

Appendix 2 (new) shall read as follows:

Appendix 2

Specification of zones (ZO)

The following areas/zones and corresponding codes shall be used for the data element ZO.

Zone	Code
Norwegian Economic Zone	NOR
Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard	XSV
Fisheries zone around Jan Mayen	XJM
Skagerrak	XSK
EU zone	XEU
Russian zone	RUS

Greenland zone	GRL
Faroese zone	FRO
Icelandic zone	ISL
NEAFC Regulatory Area	XNE
NAFO Regulatory Area	XNW
CCAMLR Regulatory Area	XCA

II

These regulations enter into force immediately, with the exception of the new data element ME in section 6, fourth paragraph, which enters into force on 1 June 2012.

Regulations amending the regulations relating to electronic reporting for vessels flying the flag of a member state of the European Union (EU) in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen

On 19 January 2012, under sections 4 and 6 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway, cf the decision of 20 August 1993 No. 813 on delegation of authority, section 8 of the Act of 17 June 1966 No. 19 relating to a prohibition against fishing etc by foreign nationals in Norway's territorial waters, and sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 43 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources (Marine Resources Act), cf section 16 of the Regulations of 31 August 2010 No. 1231 relating to electronic reporting for vessels flying the flag of a member state of the European Union (EU) in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, the Directorate of Fisheries prescribed as follows:

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The following amendments shall be made to the Regulations of 31 August 2010 No.1231 relating to electronic reporting for vessels flying the flag of a member state of the European Union (EU) in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen:

Section 8, first paragraph (amended), shall read as follows:

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall, irrespective of whether any catches are to be landed, send a port report no later than two hours before entering a Norwegian port.

Section 9, first paragraph (amended), shall read as follows:

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall send a departure from port report at the latest two hours after departing from the port, but before fishing starts. Such reports shall be sent irrespective of whether the vessel has landed any catch.

II

These regulations enter into force immediately

The amended regulations read as follows:

Regulations relating to electronic reporting for vessels flying the flag of a member state of the European Union (EU) in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen

Adopted by the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs on 31 August 2010 under sections 4 and 6 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway, cf the decision of 20 August 1993 No. 813 on delegation of authority, section 8 of the Act of 17 June 1966 No. 19 relating to a prohibition against fishing etc by foreign nationals in Norway's territorial waters, and sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 43 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources (Marine Resources Act).

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 Substantive and geographical scope for electronic reporting

These regulations apply to fishing and hunting vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the European Union in the Economic Zone of Norway, Norwegian territorial waters and the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen and that are required to report catch and activity data electronically.

The term “fishing or hunting vessel” here means vessels of any type that are equipped for or engaged in commercial fishing or hunting operations or vessels that assist the fishing fleet, including transport vessels to which catches are transhipped, search vessels and experimental fishing vessels. In the case of transhipment operations, the provision applies irrespective of which area the catch was taken in.

Section 2 Foreign fishing and hunting vessels that are required to report electronically

Fishing and hunting vessels with a total length of 15 metres or more that fly the flag of a Member State of the European Union are required to report catch and activity data electronically in accordance with these regulations from 1 January 2011.

Section 3 Exemption

Vessels holding a fishing licence and to which these regulations apply are exempted from the reporting requirements set out in sections 8 and 9 of the Regulations of 13 May 1977 No. 2 relating to fishing and hunting operations, etc., by foreign nationals in the Economic Zone of Norway and landings in Norwegian ports and sections 8 and 9 of the Regulations of 21

December 1999 relating to fishing and hunting operations by foreign nationals in the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen.

Vessels that have been allocated licences for fishing and hunting in these zones and that are passing through the zones without engaging in fishing operations are exempt from the duty to send the reports specified in Chapter II to the Directorate of Fisheries.

CHAPTER II. ELECTRONIC REPORTING

Section 4 Electronic reporting

Vessels to which these regulations apply shall transmit the reports specified in sections 5 to 11 electronically to the Directorate of Fisheries via the flag State's fishing monitoring centre (FMC). Such reports shall be authenticated in a way that is approved by the Directorate of Fisheries.

The master of a vessel to which these regulations apply shall ensure that the reporting system is functioning satisfactorily before fishing operations in Norwegian waters begin; this includes ensuring that the Directorate of Fisheries can receive the electronic messages it sends and that the vessel receives return messages from the Directorate giving the message status.

Section 5 Catch on entry reports

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 and that have been allocated licences to fish in Norwegian waters shall, at the earliest 12 hours and at the latest one hour prior to entering the zone, send a catch on entry report (COE). Vessels that have been allocated licences to fish in the Economic Zone of Norway north of latitude 62°N shall, at the earliest 24 hours and at the latest 12 hours prior to starting fishing operations in the zone, send a catch on entry report. Any vessel assisting the fishing fleet shall send a catch on entry report each time it enters the zone. However, no catch on entry report shall be sent if a vessel enters the zone from the territorial waters of Norway. Vessels may not begin fishing in Norwegian waters before catch on entry reports have been acknowledged (ACK) by the Directorate of Fisheries in accordance with section 12 of these regulations.

A vessel that leaves the zone north of 62°N for a period of less than 24 hours shall send a normal catch on exit report. When the vessel resumes fishing operations within the zone, a new catch on entry report shall be sent, but the vessel may begin fishing operations without regard to the time limits specified in a) above.

Vessels that enter the zone from the Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard and have been engaged in fishing operations there may, without regard to the time limits specified in the first paragraph above, start fishing operations as soon as a catch on entry report has been sent.

Catch on entry reports shall contain the following information:

Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Type of message	TM	M	COE, catch on entry report
Record number	RN	M	Serial number of the report in the current year

Sequence number	SQ	O	Serial number of the report from the vessel to the final recipient in the current year
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel's international radio call sign
Vessel name	NA	O	Name of the vessel
External registration number	XR	O	Registration number of the vessel
Name of master	MA	M	Name of master
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission from the vessel (HHMM)
Return error code	RE	O	Return error code used to indicate that the report is a cancellation report, see appendix 1.
Quantity on board	OB	M	Quantity by species (FAO species code) on board before landing, live weight in kilograms, in pairs as needed.
Latitude	LT	M	Estimated latitude for start of fishing, decimal degrees (WGS84)
Longitude	LG	M	Estimated longitude for start of fishing, decimal degrees (WGS84)
Predicted date	PD	M	Estimated date UTC when fishing is to start (YYYYMMDD)
Predicted time	PT	M	Estimated time UTC when the fishing is to start (HHMM)
Directed species	DS	M	Planned directed species, FAO species code (indicate only one)
Relevant area	RA	M	ICES area where fishing is to commence

Section 6 Detailed catch activity report

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall, after a catch on entry report or departure from port report has been sent, send a detailed catch activity report (DCA report) at least once a day and at the latest at 23.59 UTC, giving data on catches in the period 00.00-23.59. If further fishing operations end after the DCA report has been sent but before 23.59 hours, a new report shall be sent for these fishing operations. A DCA report shall contain the information specified in block A and B below.

Vessels that are engaged in trawling for fish for human consumption in the Economic Zone of Norway south of 62° N with a minimum mesh size of 120 mm and that choose to discontinue fishing less than four hours before leaving the Economic Zone, cf section 10, shall, regardless of how long it is since the last report was sent, send a DCA report at the earliest six hours and at the latest four hours before leaving the Economic Zone.

A DCA report shall be transmitted irrespective of whether the vessel has carried out fishing operations since the previous report. A DCA report shall also be sent:

- a) in connection with inspection at sea,
- b) before a port report, catch on exit report or control point/area report is sent, and
- c) before the vessel enters another ICES area.

The information specified in block B shall be given for each fishing operation and shall be registered consecutively after each fishing operation ends. Information on several fishing operations can be registered at the same time. A fishing operation lasts from the time when a fishing gear (meaning any gear linked together to form a single unit) is deployed until the time when it is hauled from the sea. The fishing operation ends when the gear has been retrieved from the sea. Vessels that are gill netting or long-lining may provide the information specified in block B per day (24-hour period).

Block A Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Type of message	TM	M	DCA, detailed catch activity report
Record number	RN	M	Serial number of the report in the current year
Sequence number	SQ	O	Serial number of the report from the vessel to the final recipient in the current year
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel's international radio call sign
Name of master	MA	M	Name of master
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission from the vessel (HHMM)
Return error code	RE	O	Return error code used to indicate that the report is a correction report, see appendix 1
Activity	AC	M	FIS = fishing, STE = cruising/steaming (NEAFC codes), REL = catch relocation
Partner vessel	PA	(M)	Radio call sign of the partner fishing vessel. Mandatory if fishing in pair with another vessel
Block B Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Block date	BD	M	UTC date of start of fishing operation (YYYYMMDD)
Block time	BT	M	UTC time of start of fishing operation (HHMM)
Start zone	ZO	M	Zone where fishing operation starts (LT, LG) (ISO alpha-3 codes). See Appendix 2
Start latitude	LT	M	Latitude for start of fishing operation, decimal degrees (WGS84)
Start longitude	LG	M	Longitude for start of fishing operation, decimal degrees (WGS84)
Fishing gear	GE	M	FAO gear code
Gear specification	GS	(M)	1 = single trawl, 2 = double trawl, 3 = triple trawl

			4 = more than a triple trawl. Mandatory if using a trawl
Mesh size	ME	M	Mesh size of the fishing gear in millimetres (mm). Mandatory if vessel is trawling, gill netting or purse seining
Gear problems	GP	(M)	1 = empty net, 2 = net burst, 3 = split, 4 = broken meshes in codend (tear in codend), 5 = lost gear, 6 = other. Mandatory if gear problems arise
End latitude	XT	M	Latitude for end of fishing operation, decimal degrees (WGS84)
End longitude	XG	M	Longitude for end of fishing operation, decimal degrees (WGS84)
Duration	DU	M	Duration of the fishing operation in minutes
Fishing operation (quantity of deployed gear)	FO	(M)	Total number of hooks or total length of gillnets deployed (metres per day) Mandatory if vessel is longlining or gill-netting
Stock specification	SS	(M)	NOR01 = Norwegian spring-spawning herring NOR02 = North Sea herring Mandatory if the CA field contains HER (Norwegian spring-spawning herring or North Sea herring).
Catch species live weight	CA	(M)	Total quantity by species (FAO species code) from this fishing operation, live weight in kilograms, in pairs as needed Mandatory if any catch was taken

Section 7 Transshipment reports

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 that are to off-load catches (donor vessels) shall send a transshipment report no later than 24 hours before transshipment starts.

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 that have received catches shall immediately and no later than one hour after each transshipment operation is completed send a transshipment report.

It is not permitted to tranship catches to other vessels than those that hold fishing licences under section 4 of the Regulations of 13 May 1977 No. 2 relating to fishing and hunting operations by foreign nationals in the Economic Zone of Norway and landings in Norwegian ports and that are from member states of the EU, Russia, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland or Norway, or from states that have been granted the status of cooperating non-Contracting Parties by NEAFC.

Transshipment reports shall contain the following information:

Data element	Code	Mandatory/optional	Remarks
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Type of message	TM	M	TRA, transhipment report
Record number	RN	M	Serial number of the report in the current year
Sequence number	SQ	O	Serial number of the report from the vessel to the final recipient in the current year
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel's international radio call sign
Vessel name	NA	O	Name of the vessel
External registration number	XR	O	Registration number of the vessel
Name of master	MA	M	Name of master
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission from the vessel (HHMM)
Return error code	RE	O	Return error code used to indicate that the report is a cancellation or a correction report, see appendix 1
Latitude	LT	(M)	Estimated latitude for the transhipment, decimal degrees (WGS84) Mandatory if the vessel is off-loading a catch
Longitude	LG	(M)	Estimated longitude for the transhipment, decimal degrees (WGS84) Mandatory if the vessel is off-loading a catch
Quantity on board	OB	(M)	Quantity by species (FAO species code) on board before the transhipment, live weight in kilograms, in pairs as needed. Mandatory if the vessel is off-loading a catch
Quantity on-loaded or off-loaded	KG	M	Quantity by species (FAO species code) to be on-loaded or off-loaded, live weight in kilograms, in pairs as needed
Transhipped from	TF	(M)	International radio call sign of the donor vessel. Mandatory for the receiving vessel
Transhipped to	TT	(M)	International radio call sign of the receiving vessel. Mandatory for the donor vessel
Predicted date	PD	(M)	Estimated date UTC for the transhipment (YYYYMMDD). Mandatory for the donor vessel
Predicted time	PT	(M)	Estimated time UTC for the transhipment (HHMM). Mandatory for the donor vessel

Section 8 Port reports

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall, irrespective of whether any catches are to be landed, send a port report no later than two hours before entering a Norwegian port.

Port reports shall contain the following information:

Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Type of message	TM	M	POR, port report
Record number	RN	M	Serial number of the report in the current year
Sequence number	SQ	O	Serial number of the report from the vessel to the final recipient in the current year
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel's international radio call sign
Vessel name	NA	O	Name of the vessel
External registration number	XR	O	Registration number of the vessel
Name of master	MA	M	Name of master
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission from the vessel (HHMM)
Return error code	RE	O	Return error code used to indicate that the report is a cancellation or a correction report, see appendix 1.
Port	PO	M	Name of port, ISO alpha-2 country code + 3-letter port code, UN/LOCODE (United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations)
Landsite	LS	(M)	Name of buyer or other specifications describing exactly where in the port the landing will take place, given in free text (max 60 characters). Mandatory if landing catches
Predicted date	PD	M	Estimated date UTC for coming to port (YYYYMMDD)
Predicted time	PT	M	Estimated time UTC for coming to port (HHMM)
Quantity on-loaded or off-loaded	KG	(M)	Quantity by species (FAO species code) to be landed, live weight in kilograms, in pairs as needed. Mandatory if landing catches
Quantity on board	OB	M	Quantity by species (FAO species code) on board before landing, live weight in kilograms, in pairs as needed

Section 9 Departure from port reports

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall send a departure from port report at the latest two hours after departing from the port, but before fishing starts. Such reports shall be sent irrespective of whether the vessel has landed any catch.

Departure from port reports shall contain the following information:

Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Type of message	TM	M	DEP, departure from port report
Record number	RN	M	Serial number of the report in the current year
Sequence number	SQ	O	Serial number of the report from the vessel to the final recipient in the current year
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel's international radio call sign
Vessel name	NA	O	Name of the vessel
External registration number	XR	O	Registration number of the vessel
Name of master	MA	M	Name of master
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission from the vessel (HHMM)
Return error code	RE	O	Return error code used to indicate that the report is a cancellation report, see appendix 1.
Port	PO	M	Name of port of departure, ISO alpha-2 country code + 3-letter port code, UN/LOCODE (United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations)
Departure date	ZD	M	UTC date of departure from port (YYYYMMDD)
Departure time	ZT	M	UTC time of the departure from port (HHMM)
Quantity on board	OB	M	Quantity by species (FAO species code) on board, live weight in kilograms, in pairs as needed
Activity	AC	M	FIS = fishing, STE = cruising/steaming (NEAFC codes)

Section 10 Catch on exit reports

When fishing is discontinued, vessels such as are mentioned in section 2 shall send a catch on exit report. Such reports shall be sent before exiting from the Economic Zone of Norway or the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen. If the vessel is to report for control, the catch on exit report shall be sent at the latest before arrival at the control point or area, or before the vessel reports for control. No catch on exit report shall be sent if the vessel sails into the territorial waters of Norway.

Vessels engaged in trawling for fish for human consumption in the Economic Zone of Norway south of 62°N with a minimum mesh size of 120 mm shall send a catch on exit report when fishing in the zone is discontinued and at the latest four hours before leaving the Economic Zone. Vessels that choose to discontinue fishing less than four hours before leaving

the Economic Zone, cf section 6, shall send a catch on exit report one hour before leaving the Economic Zone.

Catch on exit reports shall contain the following information:

Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Type of message	TM	M	COX, catch on exit report
Record number	RN	M	Serial number of the report in the current year
Sequence number	SQ	O	Serial number of the report from the vessel to the final recipient in the current year
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel's international radio call sign
Vessel name	NA	O	Name of the vessel
External registration number	XR	O	Registration number of the vessel
Name of master	MA	M	Name of master
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission from the vessel (HHMM)
Return error code	RE	O	Return error code used to indicate that the report is a cancellation report, see appendix 1.
Port	PO	O	Name of port to be called at, ISO alpha-2 country code + 3-letter port code, UN/LOCODE (United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations)

Section 11 Control point/area report

When a vessel discontinues fishing operations in the zone north of 62°N, it shall report for control at one of the prescribed control points. Vessels that are licensed to fish for herring south of 62°N or for mackerel in the Economic Zone of Norway shall on discontinuing fishing operations report for control in one of the prescribed control areas.

The Directorate of Fisheries may by regulations adopt further provisions relating to the location of the control points and control areas and on the duty to report, including time limits for sending control point/area reports.

Control point/area reports shall contain the following information:

Data element	Code	Mandatory/ optional	Remarks
Type of message	TM	M	CON, control point/area report
Record number	RN	M	Serial number of the report in the current year
Sequence number	SQ	O	Serial number of the report from the vessel to the final recipient in the current year
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel's international radio call sign

Vessel name	NA	O	Name of the vessel
External registration number	XR	O	Registration number of the vessel
Name of master	MA	M	Name of master
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission from the vessel (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission from the vessel (HHMM)
Return error code	RE	O	Return error code used to indicate that the report is a cancellation report, see appendix 1.
Name of control point/area	CP	M	Specification of control point/area
Longitude	LT	(M)	Estimated longitude at the border of the control area in decimal degrees (WGS84) Mandatory if the element CP is a control area
Latitude	LG	(M)	Estimated latitude at the border of the control area in decimal degrees (WGS84) Mandatory if the element CP is a control area
Date	PD	M	Date UTC of arrival at the control point or control area (YYYYMMDD)
Time	PT	M	Time UTC of arrival at the control point or control area (HHMM)

CHAPTER III. RETURN MESSAGES AND MONTHLY CATCH REPORTS

Section 12 Return messages

Electronic reports sent in accordance with these regulations to the Directorate of Fisheries will automatically be confirmed by a return message (message type RET). If the report is received without errors, the return message will have the return status ACK (acknowledged). If the report is received with errors, the return message will have the return status NAK (not acknowledged). If the report is not confirmed by a return message or the return message has the return status NAK, the vessel must send the report again to the Directorate of Fisheries via the flag State's fishing monitoring centre (FMC). An electronic message sent in accordance with these regulations is not considered to be received by the Directorate of Fisheries until it has been confirmed by a return message with the return status ACK.

If the return message has the return status ACK, this is confirmation that the report has been received by the Directorate of Fisheries, and that the format and mandatory fields have been checked and approved. Return status ACK does not mean that the report otherwise has been checked for compliance with the legislation and for factual accuracy.

Return messages shall contain the following information:

Data element	Code	Mandatory/optional	Remarks
Type of message	TM	M	RET, return message from the Directorate of

			Fisheries
Address	AD	M	Destination Party Alpha-3 ISO country code
Record number	RN	M	Record number of the report received
From	FR	M	NOR for the Norwegian FMC
Radio call sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
Return status	RS	M	Code showing whether the message is acknowledged or not (ACK or NAK)
Return error code	RE	M	Number showing the type of error, see appendix 1
Previous record number	RX	(M)	Previous record number copied from the report which is received. Mandatory only if RX is given in the report received
Date	DA	M	UTC date of transmission of the RET message (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	UTC time of transmission of the RET message (HHMM)
Version number	MV	O	Whole number showing the version number copied from the report received if the latter contains a version number
Sequence number	SQ	(M)	Sequence number copied from the report received. Mandatory only if SQ is given in the report from the vessel
Comment	MS	O	Optional free text

CHAPTER IV. CORRECTION, CANCELLATION AND TECHNICAL ERRORS

Section 13 Reports that may be corrected and cancelled

Port (POR) reports, transshipment (TRA) reports and detailed catch activity (DCA) reports may be corrected. DCA reports may be corrected until 12.00 UTC the following day after the report was sent or until a POR report or catch on exit (COX) report has been sent.

The data element quantity on board (OB) in a in a catch on entry (COE) report may be corrected until 12.00 UTC the following day after the report was sent or until a DCA report has been sent.

COE reports, POR reports, departure from port (DEP) reports, TRA reports, COX reports and control point/area (CON) reports may be cancelled by sending a new report with a cancellation code. This will cancel the previously transmitted report. The report containing the cancellation code must be identical to the report to be cancelled, and must therefore have the same record number (RN). A new report with a new RN must be sent in accordance with the rules in force at any given time.

Section 14 Requirements to correct technical malfunctioning

If a vessel's electronic reporting system is malfunctioning so that the requirements of these regulations cannot be met, the vessel may not start fishing operations again in Norwegian

waters until it has reporting equipment that meets the requirements of these regulations, unless it is granted an exemption by the flag State.

CHAPTER V. REGULATORY POWERS, PENAL MEASURES AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

Section 15 Authorisation

The Directorate of Fisheries may amend these regulations and lay down further provisions on reporting. The Directorate of Fisheries may also adopt further provisions on the implementation of the reporting requirements, including rules on control of the provisions of these regulations and rules on requirements relating to equipment.

Section 16 Penalties and confiscation

Any person who wilfully or negligently contravenes the provisions of these regulations is liable to a penalty or confiscation under sections 62 and 64 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources (Marine Resources Act) and sections 8 and 9 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway. Complicity or an attempt to contravene the said provisions is subject to the same penalty.

Section 17 Entry into force

These regulations enter into force on 1 January 2011.

Appendix 1

Error codes to be used with electronic reports.

An updated list of the error codes to be used when notifying errors or that the sender wishes to cancel or correct a previously sent report is available at www.fiskeridir.no.

Appendix 2

Specification of zones (ZO)

The following areas/zones and corresponding codes shall be used for the data element ZO.

Zone	Code
Norwegian Economic Zone	NOR
Fisheries Protection Zone around Svalbard	XSV
Fisheries zone around Jan Mayen	XJM
Skagerrak	XSK
EU zone	XEU
Russian zone	RUS

Greenland zone	GRL
Faroese zone	FRO
Icelandic zone	ISL
NEAFC Regulatory Area	XNE
NAFO Regulatory Area	XNW
CCAMLR Regulatory Area	XCA