

**Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters**

Operated by

**Coöperatieve Visserij Organisatie (CVO)**


of

**Het Spijk 20 8321 WT Urk, The Netherlands**

Control Union (UK) Limited (CU UK) certifies that the above-named Entity, as defined in the attached schedule, has been assessed against and conforms to the MSC Fisheries Standard V2.0 and has been found to meet the criteria for a well-managed and sustainable fishery. Fish and fish products originating from this MSC certified fishery are eligible to carry the MSC Logo. Further claims made about the fishery shall be in accordance with the rules established by the MSC.

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Principal Certifications Manager  
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CU Fishery Certificate v1.7 (1st May 2020)

## Certificate Schedule

### CERTIFIED SPECIES AND STOCKS:

Common name	Species	ICES Stock description	Overlap with certified ICES fishing areas for CVO	
			Skagerrak (3aN)	North Sea (4)
Atlantic cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	3an, 4, 7d	Suspended*	Suspended*
Haddock	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	3an, 4, 6a	✓	✓
		7b-k		
Hake	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Northern stock	✓	✓
Ling	<i>Molva molva</i>	3a, 4a etc. (other areas)	✓	✓ (4a only)
Megrim	<i>Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis</i>	4a, 6a		✓ (4a only)
Plaice	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Subdivisions 21–23		

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			Skagerrak (3aN)	North Sea (4)
		3an, 4	✓	✓
		7d		
Saithe	<i>Pollachius virens</i>	3a, 4, 6	✓	✓
Dover sole	<i>Solea solea</i>	3a, 22-24	✓	
		4		✓
Tusk	<i>Brosme brosme</i>	Northeast Atlantic	✓	✓
Whiting	<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	4, 7d		✓
Norway lobster	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	FU7 Fladen Ground		✓ (FU7 only)
		3a	✓	

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			Skagerrak (3aN)	North Sea (4)
Northern prawn	<i>Pandalus borealis</i>	3a, 4a East	✓	✓ (4a East only)

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### CVO GEOGRAPHICAL RANGE AND METHODS OF CAPTURE COVERED BY THE SCOPE OF THIS CERTIFICATE:

Method of capture	Skagerrak (3aN)	North Sea (4)
TR: Demersal otter trawl (Skagerrak/Kattegat rules = 120 mm or 90 mm w/ separator grid or very large mesh escapement)	✓	
BT1: Beam trawl, mesh size ≥ 120 mm (not pulse)	✓	✓
BT2: Beam trawl, mesh size 70 - 119 mm (not pulse)		✓
SN: Set net (gill net, trammel net)		✓
TR1: Demersal otter trawl or flyshooter or twinrig, mesh size > 100 mm		✓
TR2: Demersal otter trawl or flyshooter or twinrig, mesh size 70 - 100 mm		suspended

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### CLIENT GROUP:

CVO member vessels that have signed up to the Code of Conduct for MSC fishermen. This is being kept up to date here: <https://www.cvo-visserij.nl/deelnemers-msc-joint-demersal-fisheries/>

### PARTIES OR CATEGORIES OF PARTIES ENTITLED TO USE THE CERTIFICATE:

None. There are no other eligible fishers.

**\*Note on suspension 3an, 4, 7d cod this stock was suspended on 31 October 2019 following self-suspension by the collective Client Groups for this fishery (<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/joint-demersal-fisheries-in-the-north-sea-and-adjacent-waters/@@assessments>). If the certification status of either stock changes, this certificate will be re-issued.**

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The point(s) at which fish and fish products may enter a Chain of Custody:

The certified target species and stocks, caught in accordance with the method of capture/geographical area combinations and by the Client Group vessels covered by the scope of this certificate, as listed in the Certificate Schedule above, are eligible to enter further certified chains of custody (CoC) and be sold as MSC certified or carry the MSC ecolabel from the following points:

- Where product is sold through auctions, CoC should commence from the point of 1st sale.
- Where product is sold directly from the vessels, CoC should commence from the point of landing.

All parties wishing to sell MSC certified fish that has been purchased from this fishery will therefore require their own MSC Chain of Custody (CoC) certification, at which point the product shall be eligible to carry the MSC logo.

**The list of eligible auction sites is as follows:**

Auction	Details
<b>Denmark</b>	
Danske Fiskeauktioner A/S (Thyborøn)	Havnegade 15 - 2. sal - Postbox 13 - DK - 7680 Thyborøn
Danske Fiskeauktioner A/S (Hvide Sande)	Rødspættevej 3 - DK - 6960 Hvide Sande
Danske Fiskeauktioner A/S (Thorsminde)	Vesthavnen 7 – Thorsminde - DK - 6990 Ulfborg
Hanstholm Fiskeauktion	Auktionsgade 11 - 7730 Hanstholm
Skagen Fiskeauktion	Auktionsvej 10 - 9990 Skagen

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Auction	Details
Fiskeauktion Nord (Hirtshals)	Norgeskajen 7 - 9850 Hirtshals
Fiskeauktion Nord (Strandby)	Auktionskaj 7, 1. th, 9970 Strandby
Fiskeauktion Danmark A/S - Gilleleje	Havnen 6 - DK - 3250 Gilleleje
<b>Sweden</b>	
Göteborg Fiskauktion	Fiskhamnen, 414 58 Göteborg
Smögens Fiskauktion	Fiskhamnsgatan 31, 456 51 Smögen, Sweden
<b>The Netherlands</b>	
Visafslag Hollands Noorden	Havenkade 1, 1779 GS Den Oever
Visafslag Hollands Noorden	Het Nieuwe Diep 27b, 1781 AD Den Helder
Garnalenafslag Zoutkamp	Reitdiepskade 22, 9974 PJ Zoutkamp
Zeeuwse Visveiling Vlissingen	Binnenhaven 11, 4382 NT Vlissingen
Hollandse Visveiling IJmuiden BV	Halkade 4, 1976 DC IJmuiden
Visveiling Urk BV - locatie Harlingen	Nieuwe Vissershaven 25, 8861NX Harlingen
Visafslag Lauwersoog B.V.	Haven 1, 9976 VN Lauwersoog
Visafslag Scheveningen BV	Visafslagweg 1, 2583 DM Den Haag
Visafslag Stellendam BV	Meester Snijderweg 5, 3251 LJ Stellendam
Visveiling Colijnsplaat BV	Visserijweg 1, 4886 CX Colijnsplaat
Visveiling Urk BV	Westwal 2, 8321 WG Urk
Zeeuwse Visveiling Breskens	Kaai 1, 4511 RC Breskens

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Auction	Details
<b>Belgium</b>	
Vlaamse Visveiling nv	Noordzeestraat 201, 8380 Brugge, Belgium

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