

News story: £8,989.70 fine imposed for fisheries offences

On 29 August 2017 the Plymouth Magistrates' Court sentenced Mr Robert Manning a self-employed fish merchant in a prosecution brought by the MMO.

The court heard how Mr Manning, a registered buyer of first sale fish had failed to submit sales notes to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) within the 48 hour period required by EU Regulations.

Investigations by MMO Officers revealed a total of 270 sales notes, detailing purchases that Mr Manning had made between 1 January 2014 and 30 June 2016 from four vessels were not provided to the MMO. The transactions amounted to a total of 57,562kg, of scallops valued at £127,934.60.

Mr Manning entered a guilty plea to the charge and after hearing mitigation on his behalf the court ordered him to pay a fine of £1,882, the costs of bringing the prosecution of £6,937.70 and a victim surcharge of £170. A spokesman for the MMO said:

"The requirement to submit sales notes within 48 hours enables the MMO to gain an accurate picture of fish stocks on which to base its fisheries management decisions. When (as in this case) sales notes are not submitted that picture becomes partial, distorted or inaccurate. This prosecution shows that the MMO will take the appropriate enforcement action to prevent such a situation occurring."

Government response: Bluefin tuna in UK waters

Atlantic bluefin tuna is [recognised as an endangered species by the WWF](#) and the [IUCN Red List](#).

Within EU waters, it is prohibited for commercial or recreational vessels to catch or target bluefin tuna unless authorised to do so by an EU member state. The UK has no specific quota to catch bluefin tuna and as such does not currently issue authorisations to UK recreational vessels.

Bluefin tuna is a prohibited species for UK registered commercial fishing vessels and if caught as a by-catch must be returned to the sea, alive and unharmed to the greatest extent possible.

Bluefin tuna caught as a by-catch which are dead must be reported to the

Marine Management Organisation (MMO) by contacting the local MMO office, landed whole and unprocessed. Bluefin tuna landed as a result of this requirement must not be sold or given away unless it is for scientific research following approval from the MMO.

More information on bluefin tuna on the [MMO blog](#).

More information

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1627](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/98](#)

[Guidance: Contracts for Difference, renewables obligation and small scale feed-in tariffs: companies awarded exemption or compensation](#)

Updated: We have added details of companies awarded compensation for R0 / FIT in 2017 and those awarded an exemption from CFD for 2018.

The government has committed to publishing a list of those companies receiving compensation or relief for the indirect costs of CFD, R0 and FIT.

The CFD document lists companies awarded an exemption from indirect costs up until the end of August 2018. The R0 / FIT document lists companies awarded compensation up to 2017.

[Guidance: EU Emissions Trading System and Carbon Price Support: companies awarded compensation](#)

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The government committed to publishing a list of those companies receiving

compensation for the indirect costs of the EU ETS and CPS.

The document above lists those companies awarded this compensation up to 2017.

Notice: IP14 5EF, EC Drummond (Agriculture) Ltd: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: EC Drummond (Agriculture) Ltd
- Installation name: Stonham Poultry Unit
- Permit number: EPR/AP3331AV/V002