



A simple guide for commercial fishermen of licenced commercial fishing boats in Ireland wishing to sell their catch direct to final consumers

As per SFPA Fisheries Information Notice 7-2020 Commercial Vessel Operators can sell primary fishery product of up to 30kg per week or €50 per day per consumer, provided the buyer is purchasing for personal consumption only without registering as a retailer or without labelling, subject to limitations:

1.Primary Fishery Product is live crab, lobster or fish that has only undergone heading, gutting, fin removal and chilling. *Note: Filleting, freezing and cooking are activities which require registration and approval from the SFPA / HSE can only be carried out on approved vessels or at approved land-based establishments.*

2.There is a **limit** on the maximum amount of primary fishery product that can be sold directly of up to 30kg per week per final consumer for their own personal consumption. **Or** €50 of primary fishery products per day per final consumer.

Fishermen can only sell primary product lobster, crab and fish that has been caught on their vessel.

Traceability and Transport ; Transporting of fish must be accompanied by a transport docket. The pink or blue copy of your log sheet will contain all the information that is required.

U10m boats will not have a log sheet so they will need a transport log containing the following detail

Date of Landing	Port	Species	Weight KG	Name and number of the fishing vessel	Quality Presentation of Fish	Catch Area of Fish	

Fishermen must register as a buyer and record first sale of fish on <http://www.fishingnet.ie/salesnotes/>

- If you sell more than the limits stated above over 30kg per customer per week or €50 per transaction,
- If you fillet fish for sale via a van or a market stall, online sales or door to door.
- If you are selling your own fish (whole or filleted) via a food outlet, fresh fish sales van, fish & chips, lobster rolls, supplying local establishments, retail or catering (**HSE Registration required**).
- If you are selling fish that you have not caught yourself,

In All Cases Please Refer To the links below for final guidance;

*Food Safety & Hygiene; Primary products must be handled according to food safety legislation requirements (e.g. obligation to put safe food on the market).

https://www.fsai.ie/food_businesses/starting_business.html

* For SFPA link to Frequently Asked Questions for fishermen who want to sell their catch direct to consumers <https://www.sfpa.ie/Search/resource/2023> * For the Fisheries Information Notice governing direct sales and filleting of fish, please follow the link

<https://www.sfpa.ie/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=noJGlywzmS4%3d&tabid=116&portalid=0>

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