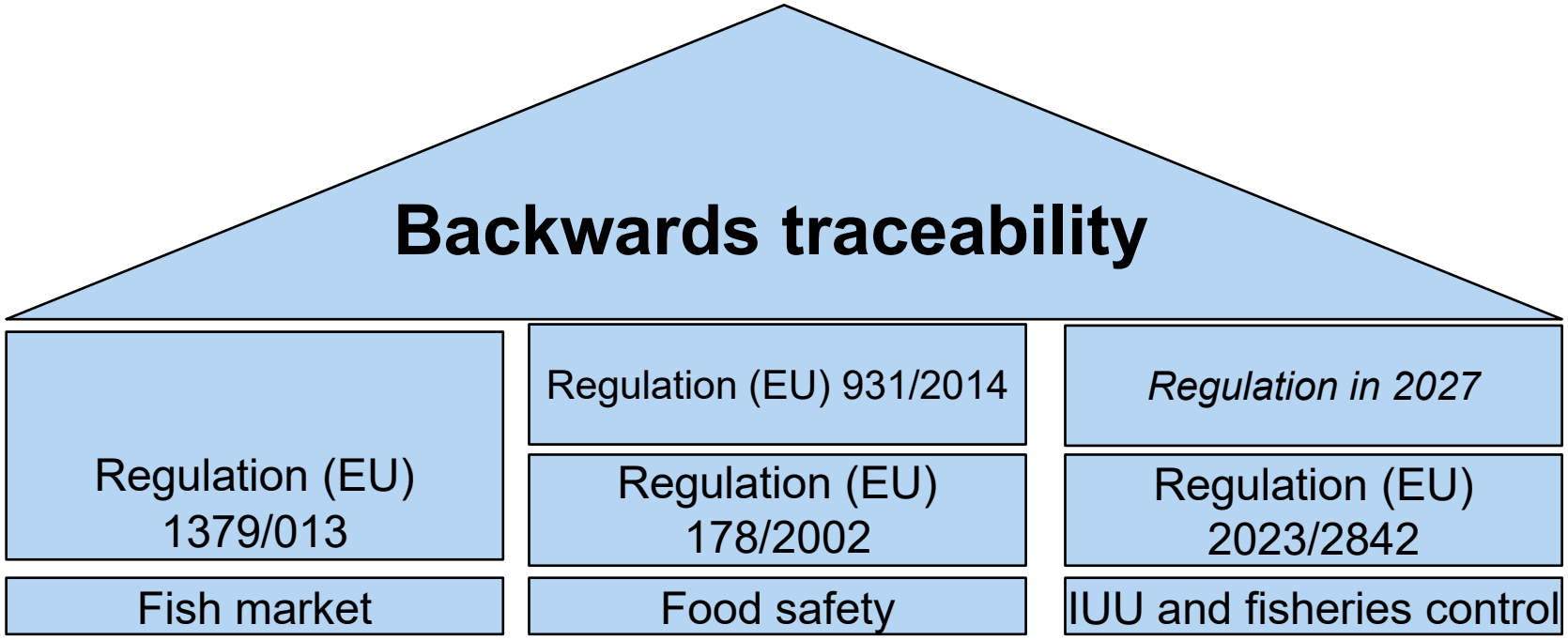



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## *- Traceability and what to expect*

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- Food safety 
- Information to consumers 
- Digital traceability 
- CATCH 

# Lot information according to FCR

Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (new); Art. 58 (5)

a) Lot Identification Number
b) EU products:
    a) Identification number of the fishing trip or fishing day
    b) Aquaculture: producer name and registration number
c) Imported products:
    a) IMO No. or similar of the fishing vessel, Catch-ID
    b) Aquaculture: producer name and registration number
d) Species name (FAO code and scientific name)
e) Fishing area or country of production
f) Fishing gear category
g) Date of catch/harvest
h) Quantity in kg or pieces
i) Undersized catches (quantity, pieces)
j) Information according to marketing standard

# Traceability and what to expect

***Example of digital traceability: Cold water prawns caught in North-West Atlantic. Shell-on within CN code 0306***

| Information | New? | Consumer information | Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| **LOT identification number** | | | |
| **Identification number of the fishing trip or fishing day** | *New* | | |
| **IMO no. or similar of the fishing vessel, Catch Certificate ID** | *New* | | |
| **FAO alpha-3 code** | | | PRA |
| **Scientific name (+Commercial name B2C)** | | Yes | *Pandalus borealis* |
| **Fishing area** | | Yes | North-West Atlantic, FAO 21 |
| **Fishing gear** | | Yes | Trawls |
| **Date of catch** | | | |
| **Quantities in kg** | | | |
| **Undersized catches (quantities)** | *Not relevant* | | |
| **Information according to marketing standards** | *Size category* | | |

# Traceability and what to expect *(CATCH)*

- Digital platform for Catch Certificates for import of wild caught fish and fishery products
- Serious technical and operational challenges from the outset (January 2026)…continues
- Costs of delay include: demurrage, extra rent, rebooking, stock binding, misheld contracts
- Case handling: 4-5 days (Denmark)
- EU market for fish and fishery products becomes less attactive

- ***What are the lessons:***

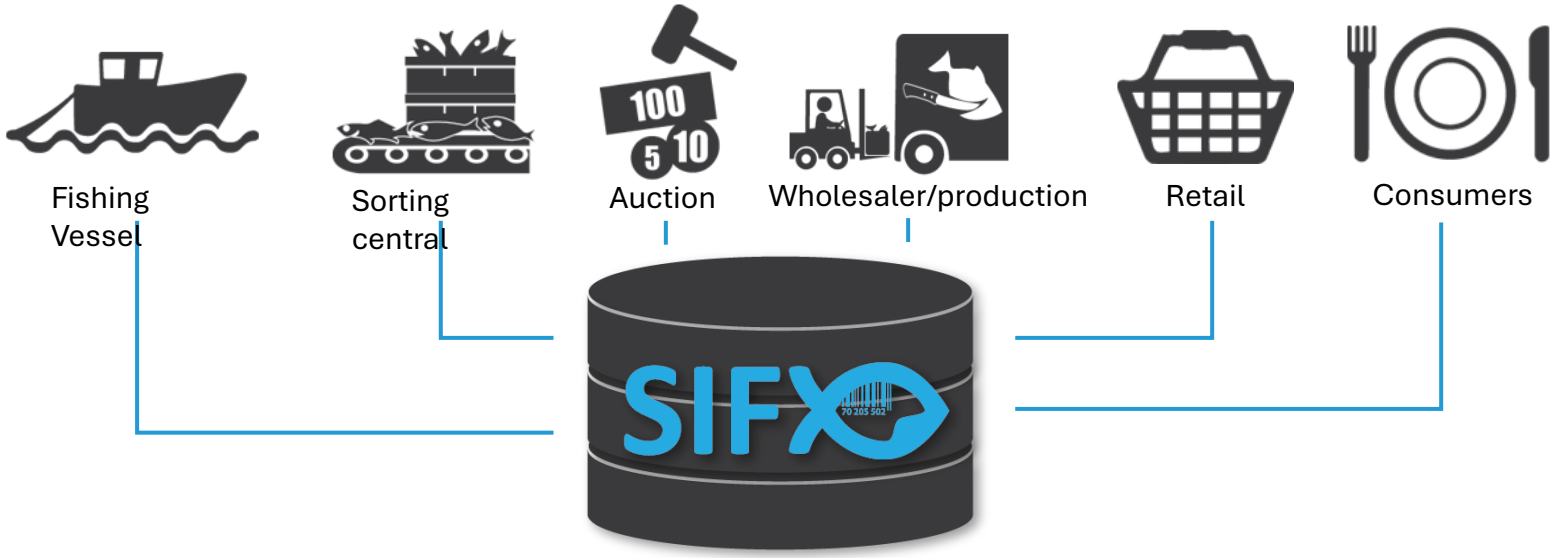
- Test any new digital platform on a smaller scale before launching,
- Keep it strict to core documents relevant for the purpose of the regulation (CC, PS),
- Submission in CATCH for consignments underway to EU – corrections before arrival in EU,
- Keep the ”paper model” open as a fall back position whenever CATCH does not work

# Traceability and what to expect *(CATCH)*

*Paperwork for manual entering into CATCH for 3 consignments of Peruvian squid for the EU*



# Danish digital system: SIF DATABASE



# Traceability and what to expect

*in conclusive perspective*

- 67,8 % of our fish and aquaculture products are sourced from outside the EU
- Instruments applied at the EU border critical for supplies and our global competetive position
- Digital platforms to facilitate trade flows….
- EU goal to reduce administrative burdens

