

EU autonomous tariff quota for imported fisheries products

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[Sustainable imports of fishery products under the EU Autonomous Tariff Quota Regulation](#)

What is changing and why?

Autonomous trade measures (known as autonomous tariff quotas, ATQs) for fishery and aquaculture products enable the EU fish processing industry to import raw materials at reduced rates or duty-free from non-EU countries when processors have insufficient access to such materials. Today, non-EU countries exporting to the EU can access these quotas on a first-come, first-served basis, but no specific sustainability conditions have to be met. The EU will review the current rules to decide whether sustainability criteria should be introduced. One option is to provide ATQs for fish exports only to countries that have ratified relevant environmental and/or labour conventions.

Stakeholders are invited to provide their views on the operation of the ATQ regime, including the introduction of sustainability criteria, through a [Call for evidence](#).

Actions

This call for evidence is open to all interested stakeholders via the EU's [Have your say](#) webpage until **4 November 2024**. Stakeholders in non-EU countries are invited to express their views, which will feed into the impact assessment.

Timeline

The call for evidence is open until **4 November 2024** (midnight Brussels time). The Commission is considering introducing sustainability criteria into the ATQ regime after 2026.

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