The European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) is an European Union agency. EFCA’s mission is to promote the highest common standards for control, inspection and surveillance under the CFP (Common Fisheries Policy).

European Union governments agreed to establish the agency in the 2002 reform as part of the drive to instil a culture of compliance within the fisheries sector across Europe. In April 2005, they adopted the necessary legislation with Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005. Since the change to its founding regulation in 2016, EFCA also supports national authorities carrying out coast guard functions.

As a necessary and strategic step, in the field of Information Security EFCA started the implementation of an Information Security Management System (ISMS) (following the international standard of ISO 27000 series), that is a system of processes and procedures that helps in managing the controls in place for all security practices, consistently and cost-effectively.

The scope of the EFCA’s ISMS is the information systems that support the actions of organizing operational coordination activities of control, inspection and surveillance under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and supporting national authorities carrying out coast guard functions, according to the Statement of Applicability (SOA) in force.

The EFCA’s ISMS is based on the following points:

- promote the maintenance and continual improvement of an ISMS putting into play all the resources necessary for the strengthening of these bases and the achievement of EFCA mission and objectives (https://www.efca.europa.eu/en/content/objectives-and-strategy).

- being committed to comply with legal and regulatory requirements that are applicable to EFCA (https://www.efca.europa.eu/en/content/legal-basis).

- promote the mitigation of risks and reduction of effects in the activities of EFCA, which could be derived of eventual security failures of the information, taking into account the consequences of a loss of confidentiality, integrity or availability of existing assets.

In order to achieve these basic principles, EFCA’s management-formulates information security objectives, and performs the monitoring of them verifying their compliance and establishing the necessary actions in case the compliance is threatened.

This EFCA IS summarized policy is placed on the EFCA’s intranet and corporate website. In this way, the agency ensures that the policy is distributed to all the staff and any interested parties.