

Council Regulation (EC) No 734/2008 of 15 July 2008 on the protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems in the high seas from the adverse impacts of bottom fishing gears

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- (1) Opinion of 4 June 2008 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
- (2) [OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59](#). Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 865/2007 ([OJ L 192, 24.7.2007, p. 1](#)).
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- (5) [OJ L 333, 20.12.2003, p. 17](#).
- (6) [OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p. 5](#).
- (7) [OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1](#).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Art. 1 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(2\)](#)
- Art. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 3(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 4(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 4(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 4(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 4(6) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(4\)\(e\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 4(6) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(4\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 5(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 5(2) word substituted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/739, reg. 26\(5\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) by [S.I. 2019/1312 reg. 8\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 5(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(5\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 5(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(5\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 5(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 6(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(6\)](#)
- Art. 7(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(7\)](#)
- Art. 8(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(vi\)](#)
- Art. 8(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
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- Art. 8(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 9(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(9\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
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- Art. 10(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(10\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
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- Art. 10(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 11(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(11\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 11(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(11\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 12-14 omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(12\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions

- Art. 4(1)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 11(2)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(11\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 11(2)(e) substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 26\(11\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)