

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009 of 22 October 2009 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

TITLE IV

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

CHAPTER I

General provisions

Article 35

Scope

1 This Title lays down the conditions under which the Member States shall administratively cooperate with each other, third countries, the Commission and the body designated by it in order to ensure the effective application of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 and this Regulation.

2 This Title shall not bind Member States to grant each other assistance where that would be likely to be injurious to their national legal system, public policy, security or other fundamental interests. Before denying a request for assistance, the requested Member State shall consult the applicant Member State to determine whether assistance may be given in part, subject to specific terms and conditions. Where a request for assistance cannot be complied with the applicant Member State and the Commission shall promptly be notified of that fact and reasons shall be stated.

3 This Title shall not affect the application in the Member States of rules on criminal procedure and mutual assistance in criminal matters, including those on secrecy of judicial inquiries.

Article 36

Protection of personal data

1 This Regulation leaves intact and in no way affects the level of protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data under the provisions of Community and national law, and in particular does not alter either the obligations of Member States relating to their processing of personal data under Directive 95/46/EC or the obligations of the Community institutions and bodies relating to their processing of personal data under Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 when fulfilling their responsibilities. The Member States and the Commission shall ensure that all applicable provisions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Directive 95/46/EC are respected.

2 The rights of persons with regard to their registration data processed in national systems shall be exercised in accordance with the law of the Member State which stored

their personal data, and in particular the provisions implementing Directive 95/46/EC, and, with regard to their registration data processed in Community systems, shall be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001.

Article 37

Use of information and protection of professional and commercial secrecy

1 The applicant Member State shall use information communicated according to this Title solely for the purposes of implementing Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 and at all times in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC. The use of such information for other purposes shall be subject to prior written consultation of the requested Member State which provided the information. Such use shall then be subject to any conditions established by the requested Member State for non-disclosure of information in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC. The use of personal information data for other purposes shall be in compliance with the conditions laid down in Directive 95/46/EC.

2 The applicant Member State shall consider specific demands related to disclosure of the information such as the safety and privacy of persons identified or identifiable by the information.

3 The information shall benefit from the same protection accorded to similar data by the national legislation of the Member State receiving them and, for a Community institution receiving them, by the corresponding provisions applicable to this institution. It may be invoked as evidence in administrative or criminal proceedings by the Member State receiving the information, in accordance with the law of that Member State.

4 Information communicated in any form to persons working for national public authorities and the Commission shall be covered by duties of confidentiality and professional secrecy if their disclosure would undermine

- a the protection of the privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with Community legislation regarding the protection of personal data;
- b the commercial interests of a natural or legal person, including intellectual property;
- c court proceedings and legal advice; or
- d the purpose of inspections or investigations.

5 Paragraph 4 shall not apply where the disclosure is necessary to bring about the cessation of IUU fishing or serious infringements referred to in Article 42(1)(b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 and the authority communicating the information consents to its disclosure.

Article 38

Costs

Member States shall bear their own costs of executing a request for assistance and shall waive all claims for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in applying this Title.

Article 39

Single authority

- 1 Each Member State shall designate a single liaison office responsible for the application of this Title.
- 2 Each Member State shall communicate to the Commission and the other Member States the identity of the single liaison office and keep that information up to date.
- 3 The Commission shall publish and update the list of single liaison offices in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 40

Follow-up measures

- 1 Where national authorities decide, in response to a request for assistance based on this Title or following a spontaneous exchange of information, to take measures which may be implemented only with the authorisation or at the demand of a judicial authority, they shall communicate to the Member State concerned and the Commission any information on those measures which is related to IUU fishing or serious infringements referred to in Article 42(1) (b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, or to infringements of this Regulation.
- 2 Any such communication must have the prior authorisation of the judicial authority if such authorisation is required by national law.