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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy<sup>(1)</sup> requires that measures governing access to waters and resources and the sustainable pursuit of fishing activities be established taking into account available scientific, technical and economic advice and, in particular, reports drawn up by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF), as well as in the light of any advice received from Regional Advisory Councils.
- (2) It is incumbent upon the Council to adopt measures on the fixing and allocation of fishing opportunities, including certain conditions functionally linked thereto, as appropriate. Fishing opportunities should be distributed among Member States in such a way as to assure each Member State relative stability of fishing activities for each stock or fishery and having due regard to the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy established in Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002.
- (3) The total allowable catch (TACs) should be established on the basis of available scientific advice, taking into account biological and socio-economic aspects whilst ensuring fair treatment between fishing sectors, as well as in the light of the opinions expressed during the consultation of stakeholders, in particular at the meetings of the Regional Advisory Councils concerned.
- (4) For stocks subject to specific multiannual plans, the TACs should be established in accordance with the rules laid down in those plans. Consequently, the TACs for stocks of Southern hake, of Norway lobster, of sole in the Western Channel, of herring to the west of Scotland and of cod in the Kattegat, to the west of Scotland and in the Irish Sea should be established in accordance with the rules laid down in: Council Regulation (EC) No 2166/2005 of 20 December 2005 establishing measures for the recovery of the Southern hake and Norway lobster stocks in the Cantabrian Sea and

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Western Iberian peninsula<sup>(2)</sup>; Council Regulation (EC) No 509/2007 of 7 May 2007 establishing a multi-annual plan for the sustainable exploitation of the stock of sole in the Western Channel<sup>(3)</sup>; Council Regulation (EC) No 1300/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a multi-annual plan for the stock of herring distributed to the west of Scotland and the fisheries exploiting that stock<sup>(4)</sup>; and Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks<sup>(5)</sup> (the "Cod Plan"). With regard, however, to the stocks of northern hake (Regulation (EC) No 811/2004<sup>(6)</sup>) and sole in the Bay of Biscay (Regulation (EC) No 388/2006<sup>(7)</sup>), the minimum targets of the relevant recovery and management plans have been reached and, therefore, it is appropriate to follow scientific advice provided in order to achieve or maintain the TACs at maximum sustainable yield levels, as the case may be.

- (5) For stocks for which there is no sufficient or reliable data in order to provide size estimates, management measures and TAC levels should follow the precautionary approach to fisheries management as defined in point (i) of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002, while taking into account stock-specific factors, including, in particular, available information on stock trends and mixed fisheries considerations.
- (6) In accordance with Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 of 6 May 1996 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs and quotas<sup>(8)</sup>, the stocks that are subject to the various measures referred to therein should be identified.
- (7) Where a TAC relating to a stock is allocated to one Member State only, it is appropriate to empower that Member State in accordance with Article 2(1) of the Treaty to determine the level of such TAC. Provisions should be made to ensure that, when fixing that TAC level, the Member State concerned acts in a manner fully consistent with the principles and rules of the Common Fisheries Policy.
- (8) For certain TACs Member States should be allowed to grant additional allocations for vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries. The aim of those trials is to test a catch-quota system, i.e. a system where all catches should be landed and counted against quotas in order to avoid discards and the waste of otherwise usable fish resources they entail. Uncontrolled discards of fish are a threat to the long term sustainability of fish as a public good and thus to the Common Fisheries Policy objectives. By contrast, catch-quota systems inherently present the fishers with an incentive to optimise the catch selectivity of their operations. In order to achieve a rational management of discards, a fully documented fishery should cover every operation at sea, rather than what is landed at port. The conditions for Member States to grant such additional allocations should therefore include an obligation to ensure the use of close circuit television cameras (CCTV) associated to a system of sensors (jointly referred to as "CCTV system"). This should enable the recording, in detail, of all retained and discarded parts of catches. A system based on human observers operating in real time on board would be less efficient, more costly, and less reliable. Consequently, the use of CCTV systems is, at this time, a prerequisite for the achievement of discard reduction schemes such as fully documented fisheries. In the use of such system, the requirements

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of Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data<sup>(9)</sup> should be complied with.

- (9) In order to ensure that trials of fully documented fisheries can effectively evaluate the potential of catch-quota systems to control the absolute fishing mortality of the stocks concerned, it is necessary for all fish caught in those trials, including those under minimum landing size, to be counted against the total allocation assigned to the participating vessel, and for fishing operations to cease when that total allocation has been fully utilised by that vessel. It is also appropriate to allow transfers of allocations between vessels participating in the fully documented fisheries trials and non-participating vessels provided that it can be demonstrated that discards by non-participating vessels do not increase.
- (10) It is necessary to establish the fishing effort ceilings for 2013 in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 2166/2005, Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 509/2007, Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008, while taking into account Council Regulation (EC) No 754/2009 of 27 July 2009 excluding certain groups of vessels from the fishing effort regime laid down in Chapter III of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008<sup>(10)</sup>.
- (11) For certain species, such as certain species of sharks, even a limited fishing activity could result in a serious risk to their conservation. Fishing opportunities for such species should therefore be fully restricted through a general prohibition on fishing those species.
- (12) Since the four TAC areas for the northern stock of hake correspond to the same biological stock, it is appropriate, in order to guarantee full use of the fishing opportunities, to allow the implementation of a flexible arrangement for Member States involved in this fishery between the TAC for IIIa, EU waters of Subdivisions 22-32 and the TAC for EU waters of IIa and IV.
- (13) Fishing opportunities should be used in full compliance with the applicable law of the Union.
- (14) The use of fishing opportunities available to EU vessels set out in this Regulation is subject to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy<sup>(11)</sup>, and in particular to Articles 33 and 34 of that Regulation, concerning the recording of catches and fishing effort and the notification of data on the exhaustion of fishing opportunities. It is therefore necessary to specify the codes to be used by Member States when sending data to the Commission relating to landings of stocks subject to this Regulation.
- (15) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation concerning the granting to an individual Member State an authorisation to benefit from the system of managing its fishing effort allocations in accordance with a kilowatt days system, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission.
- (16) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission relating to granting of

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additional days at sea for permanent cessation of fishing activities and for enhanced scientific observer coverage as well as to establishing the formats of spreadsheet for the collection and transmission of information concerning transfer of days at sea between fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers<sup>(12)</sup>.

- (17) In order to avoid the interruption of fishing activities and to ensure the livelihood of the fishermen of the Union, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 2013, except for the provisions concerning fishing effort limits, which should apply from 1 February 2013. For reasons of urgency, this Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

## TITLE I

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### *Article 1*

##### **Subject matter**

1 This Regulation fixes the fishing opportunities available to EU vessels for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are not subject to international negotiations or agreements.

2 The fishing opportunities referred to in paragraph 1 shall include:

- a catch limits for the year 2013;
- b fishing effort limits for the period from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014.

#### *Article 2*

##### **Scope**

This Regulation shall apply to EU vessels.

#### *Article 3*

##### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) 'EU vessel' means a fishing vessel flying the flag of a Member State and registered in the Union;

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- (b) 'EU waters' means waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member States with the exception of waters adjacent to the overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II to the Treaty;
- (c) 'total allowable catch' (TAC) means the quantity that can be taken and landed from each fish stock each year;
- (d) 'quota' means a proportion of the TAC allocated to the Union or a Member State;
- (e) 'international waters' means waters falling outside the sovereignty or jurisdiction of any State;
- (f) 'mesh size' means the mesh size of fishing nets as determined in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 517/2008<sup>(13)</sup>;
- (g) 'EU fishing fleet register' means the register set up by the Commission in accordance with Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002;
- (h) 'fishing logbook' means the logbook referred to in Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009;
- (i) 'analytical assessments' means a quantitative evaluation of trends in a given stock, based on data about the stock's biology and exploitation, which scientific review has indicated to be of sufficient quality to provide scientific advice on options for future catches.

#### *Article 4*

#### **Fishing zones**

For the purposes of this Regulation the following zone definitions shall apply:

- (a) ICES (International Council for the Exploration of the Sea) zones are the geographical areas specified in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 218/2009<sup>(14)</sup>;
- (b) 'Skagerrak' means the geographical area bounded on the west by a line drawn from the Hanstholm lighthouse to the Lindesnes lighthouse and on the south by a line drawn from the Skagen lighthouse to the Tistlarna lighthouse and from this point to the nearest point on the Swedish coast;
- (c) 'Kattegat' means the geographical area bounded on the north by a line drawn from the Skagen lighthouse to the Tistlarna lighthouse and from this point to the nearest point on the Swedish coast and on the south by a line drawn from Hasenøre to Gnibens Spids, from Korshage to Spodsbjerg and from Gilbjerg Hoved to Kullen;
- (d) 'Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea VII' means the geographical area bounded by rhumb lines sequentially joining the following positions:
  - 53° 30' N 15° 00' W,
  - 53° 30' N 11° 00' W,
  - 51° 30' N 11° 00' W,
  - 51° 30' N 13° 00' W,
  - 51° 00' N 13° 00' W,
  - 51° 00' N 15° 00' W,
  - 53° 30' N 15° 00' W;

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- (e) 'Gulf of Cádiz' means the geographical area of ICES division IXa east of longitude 7° 23' 48" W;
- (f) CECAF (Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries) areas are the geographical areas specified in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 216/2009<sup>(15)</sup>.

## TITLE II

### FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Article 5

##### TACs and allocations

The TACs for EU vessels in EU waters or in certain non-EU waters and the allocation of such TACs among Member States, and the conditions functionally linked thereto, where appropriate, are set out in Annex I.

#### Article 6

##### TACs to be determined by Member States

- 1 The TACs for certain fish stocks shall be determined by the Member State concerned. Those stocks are identified in Annex I.
- 2 The TACs to be determined by a Member State shall:
  - a be consistent with the principles and rules of the Common Fisheries Policy, in particular the principle of sustainable exploitation of the stock; and
  - b result:
    - (i) if analytical assessments are available, in the exploitation of the stock consistent with maximum sustainable yield from 2015 onwards, with as high a probability as possible;
    - (ii) if analytical assessments are unavailable or incomplete, in the exploitation of the stock consistent with the precautionary approach to fisheries management.
- 3 By 15 March 2013, each Member State concerned shall submit to the Commission the following information:
  - a the TACs adopted;
  - b the data collected and assessed by the Member State concerned on which the TACs adopted are based;
  - c details on how the TACs adopted comply with paragraph 2.

#### Article 7

##### Additional allocations for vessels participating in trials on fully documented fisheries

- 1 For certain stocks, a Member State may grant an additional allocation to vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries. Those stocks are identified in Annex I.

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2 The additional allocation referred to in paragraph 1 shall not exceed the overall limit set out in Annex I as a percentage of the quota allocated to that Member State.

3 The additional allocation referred to in paragraph 1 shall comply with the following conditions:

- a the vessel makes use of close circuit television cameras (CCTV) associated to a system of sensors (jointly referred to as "the CCTV system") to record all on board fishing and processing activities;
- b the additional allocation granted to an individual vessel that participates in trials on fully documented fisheries shall not exceed any of the following limits:
  - (i) 75 % of the discards of the stock, as estimated by the relevant Member State, produced by the type of vessel to which the individual vessel that has been granted the additional allocation belongs.
  - (ii) 30 % of the vessel's individual allocation prior to participating in the trials.
- c all catches by the vessel from the stock subject to the additional allocation, including fish that are under minimum landing size as defined in Annex XII of Regulation (EC) No 850/98, shall be counted against the individual allocation of the vessel, as resulting from any additional allocation granted under this Article.
- d once the individual allocation for any stock subject to the additional allocation has been fully utilised by a vessel, the vessel in question must cease all fishing activity in the relevant TAC area.
- e in respect of the stocks for which this Article may be used, the Member States may allow transfers of the individual allocation or any part thereof from vessels not participating in the fully documented fisheries trials to vessels participating in those trials provided that it can be demonstrated that discards by the non-participating vessels do not increase.

4 Notwithstanding point (i) of point (b) of paragraph 3, a Member State may exceptionally grant to a vessel flying its flag an additional allocation exceeding 75 % of the estimated discards of the stock produced by the type of vessel to which the individual vessel that has been granted the additional allocation belongs, provided that:

- a the rate of stock discards, as estimated for the relevant type of vessel, is less than 10 %;
- b the inclusion of that type of vessel is important to evaluate the potential of the CCTV system for control purposes;
- c an overall limit of 75 % of the estimated stock discards produced by all vessels participating in the trials is not exceeded.

5 To the extent that the recordings obtained in accordance with point (a) of paragraph 3 involve the processing of personal data within the meaning of Directive 95/46/EC, that Directive shall apply to the processing of such data.

6 Where a Member State detects that a vessel participating in trials on fully documented fisheries fails to comply with the conditions set out in paragraph 3, it shall immediately withdraw the additional allocation granted to that vessel and exclude it from participation in those trials for the remainder of the year 2013.

7 Prior to granting the additional allocation referred to in paragraphs 1 to 6, a Member State shall submit to the Commission the following information:

- a the list of vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries;
- b the specifications of the remote electronic monitoring equipment installed on board those vessels;
- c the capacity, type and specification of gears used by those vessels;

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- d the estimated discards for each type of vessel participating in the trials;
- e the amount of catches of the stock subject to the relevant TAC made in 2012 by the vessels participating in the trials.

8 The Commission may request any Member State that avails itself of this Article to submit its assessment of the discards produced per type of vessel to a scientific advisory body for review, in order to monitor the implementation of the requirement set out in point (i) of point (b) of paragraph 3. In the absence of an assessment confirming such discards, the Member State concerned shall take any appropriate measure to ensure compliance with that requirement and inform the Commission thereof.

### *Article 8*

#### **Conditions for landing catches and by-catches**

Fish from stocks for which TACs are established shall be retained on board or landed only if:

- (a) the catches have been taken by vessels flying the flag of a Member State having a quota and that quota is not exhausted; or
- (b) the catches consist of a share in a EU quota which has not been allocated by quota among Member States, and that EU quota has not been exhausted.

### *Article 9*

#### **Fishing effort limits**

From 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014, the fishing effort measures laid down in:

- (a) Annex IIA, shall apply for the management of cod stocks in the Kattegat, ICES divisions VIIa and VIa, and EU waters of ICES division Vb;
- (b) Annex IIB, shall apply for the recovery of hake and Norway lobster in ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa, with the exception of the Gulf of Cádiz;
- (c) Annex IIC, shall apply for the management of the sole stock in ICES division VIIe.

### *Article 10*

#### **Special provisions on allocations of fishing opportunities**

1 The allocation of fishing opportunities among Member States as set out in this Regulation shall be without prejudice to:

- a exchanges made pursuant to Article 20(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002;
- b reallocations made pursuant to Article 37 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 or pursuant to Article 10(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008<sup>(16)</sup>;
- c additional landings allowed under Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96;
- d quantities withheld in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96;
- e deductions made pursuant to Articles 37, 105, 106 and 107 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.



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2 Except where otherwise specified in Annex I to this Regulation, Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall apply to stocks subject to precautionary TAC and Article 3(2) and (3) and Article 4 of that Regulation shall apply to stocks subject to analytical TAC.

### Article 11

#### Closed fishing season

1 It shall be prohibited to fish or retain on board any of the following species in the Porcupine Bank during the period from 1 May to 31 May 2013: cod, megrims, anglerfish, haddock, whiting, hake, Norway lobster, plaice, pollack, saithe, skates and rays, common sole and spurdog.

2 For the purposes of this Article, the Porcupine Bank shall comprise the geographical area bounded by rhumb lines sequentially joining the following positions:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	52° 27' N	12° 19' W
2	52° 40' N	12° 30' W
3	52° 47' N	12° 39,600' W
4	52° 47' N	12° 56' W
5	52° 13,5' N	13° 53,830' W
6	51° 22' N	14° 24' W
7	51° 22' N	14° 03' W
8	52° 10' N	13° 25' W
9	52° 32' N	13° 07,500' W
10	52° 43' N	12° 55' W
11	52° 43' N	12° 43' W
12	52° 38,800' N	12° 37' W
13	52° 27' N	12° 23' W
14	52° 27' N	12° 19' W

3 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, transit through the Porcupine Bank while carrying on board the species referred to in that paragraph, shall be permitted in accordance with Article 50(3), (4) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

### Article 12

#### Prohibitions

1 It shall be prohibited for EU vessels to fish for, to retain on board, to tranship or to land the following species:

- a basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*) and white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) in all waters;

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- b porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in all waters, except where it is provided otherwise in Annex I Part B;
  - c angel shark (*Squatina squatina*) in EU waters;
  - d common skate (*Dipturus batis*) in EU waters of ICES division IIa and ICES subareas III, IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X;
  - e undulate ray (*Raja undulata*) and white skate (*Raja alba*) in EU waters of ICES subareas VI, VII, VIII, IX and X;
  - f guitarfishes (*Rhinobatidae*) in EU waters of ICES subareas I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XII;
  - g giant manta ray (*Manta birostris*) in all waters.
- 2 When accidentally caught, species referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released.

### *Article 13*

#### **Data transmission**

When, pursuant to Articles 33 and 34 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, Member States submit to the Commission data relating to landings of quantities of stocks caught, they shall use the stock codes set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

### TITLE III

#### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

### *Article 14*

#### **Committee procedure**

1 The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture established by Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

2 Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

### *Article 15*

#### **Entry into force and application**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2013.

However, Article 9 shall apply from 1 February 2013.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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## ANNEX I

### TACs APPLICABLE TO EU VESSELS IN AREAS WHERE TACs EXIST BY SPECIES AND BY AREA

#### PART A

##### General provisions

The tables in Part B of this Annex set out the TACs and quotas (in tonnes live weight, except where otherwise specified) by stock, and conditions functionally linked thereto, where appropriate.

All fishing opportunities set out in this Annex shall be subject to the rules set out in Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and in particular Articles 33 and 34 of that Regulation.

The references to fishing zones are references to ICES zones, unless otherwise specified. Within each area, fish stocks are referred to following the alphabetical order of the Latin names of the species. For the purposes of this Regulation, the following comparative table of Latin names and common names is provided:

Scientific name	Alpha-3 code	Common name
<i>Amblyraja radiata</i>	RJR	Starry ray
<i>Ammodytes</i> spp.	SAN	Sandeels
<i>Argentina silus</i>	ARU	Greater silver smelt
<i>Beryx</i> spp.	ALF	Alfonsinos
<i>Brosme brosme</i>	USK	Tusk
<i>Caproidae</i>	BOR	Boarfish
<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>	GUQ	Leafscale gulper shark
<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>	CYO	Portuguese dogfish
<i>Chaceon</i> spp.	GER	Deep sea red crab
<i>Champscephalus gunnari</i>	ANI	Mackerel icefish
<i>Chionoecetes</i> spp.	PCR	Snow crab
<i>Clupea harengus</i>	HER	Herring
<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>	RNG	Roundnose grenadier
<i>Dalatias licha</i>	SCK	Kitefin shark
<i>Deania calcea</i>	DCA	Birdbeak dogfish
<i>Dipturus batis</i>	RJB	Common skate
<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i>	TOP	Patagonian toothfish
<i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i>	TOA	Antarctic toothfish
<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	ANE	Anchovy
<i>Etmopterus princeps</i>	ETR	Great lanternshark

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<i>Etmopterus pusillus</i>	ETP	Smooth lanternshark
<i>Euphausia superba</i>	KRI	Krill
<i>Gadus morhua</i>	COD	Cod
<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	GAG	Tope shark
<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>	WIT	Witch flounder
<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>	PLA	American plaice
<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>	HAL	Atlantic halibut
<i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>	ORY	Orange roughy
<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>	SQI	Shortfin squid
<i>Lamna nasus</i>	POR	Porbeagle
<i>Lepidonotothen squamifrons</i>	NOS	Grey rockcod
<i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.	LEZ	Megrims
<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>	RJN	Cuckoo ray
<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>	YEL	Yellowtail flounder
<i>Limanda limanda</i>	DAB	Common dab
<i>Lophiidae</i>	ANF	Anglerfish
<i>Macrourus</i> spp.	GRV	Grenadiers
<i>Makaira nigricans</i>	BUM	Blue marlin
<i>Mallotus villosus</i>	CAP	Capelin
<i>Manta birostris</i>	RMB	Giant manta ray
<i>Martialia hyadesi</i>	SQS	Squid
<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	HAD	Haddock
<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	WHG	Whiting
<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	HKE	Hake
<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	WHB	Blue whiting
<i>Microstomus kitt</i>	LEM	Lemon sole
<i>Molva dypterygia</i>	BLI	Blue ling
<i>Molva molva</i>	LIN	Ling
<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	NEP	Norway lobster
<i>Pandalus borealis</i>	PRA	Northern prawn
<i>Paralomis</i> spp.	PAI	Crabs
<i>Penaeus</i> spp.	PEN	"Penaeus" shrimps
<i>Platichthys flesus</i>	FLE	European flounder
<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	PLE	Plaice

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<i>Pleuronectiformes</i>	FLX	Flatfish
<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	POL	Pollack
<i>Pollachius virens</i>	POK	Saithe
<i>Psetta maxima</i>	TUR	Turbot
<i>Raja alba</i>	RJA	White skate
<i>Raja brachyura</i>	RJH	Blonde ray
<i>Raja circularis</i>	RJI	Sandy ray
<i>Raja clavata</i>	RJC	Thornback ray
<i>Raja fullonica</i>	RJF	Shagreen ray
<i>Raja (Dipturus) nidarosiensis</i>	JAD	Norwegian skate
<i>Raja microocellata</i>	RJE	Small-eyed ray
<i>Raja montagui</i>	RJM	Spotted ray
<i>Raja undulata</i>	RJU	Undulate ray
<i>Rajiformes</i>	SRX	Skates and rays
<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	GHL	Greenland halibut
<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	MAC	Mackerel
<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>	BLL	Brill
<i>Sebastes spp.</i>	RED	Redfish
<i>Solea solea</i>	SOL	Common sole
<i>Solea spp.</i>	SOO	Sole
<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	SPR	Sprat
<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	DGS	Spurdog/dogfish
<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>	WHM	White marlin
<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>	SBF	Southern bluefin tuna
<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	BET	Bigeye tuna
<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	BFT	Bluefin tuna
<i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	CJM	Jack mackerel
<i>Trachurus spp.</i>	JAX	Horse mackerel
<i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i>	NOP	Norway pout
<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>	HKW	White hake
<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	SWO	Swordfish

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Alfonsinos	ALF	<i>Beryx</i> spp.
American plaice	PLA	<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>
Anchovy	ANE	<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>
Anglerfish	ANF	<i>Lophiidae</i>
Antarctic toothfish	TOA	<i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i>
Atlantic halibut	HAL	<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>
Bigeye tuna	BET	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>
Birdbeak dogfish	DCA	<i>Deania calcea</i>
Blonde ray	RJH	<i>Raja brachyura</i>
Blue ling	BLI	<i>Molva dypterygia</i>
Blue marlin	BUM	<i>Makaira nigricans</i>
Blue whiting	WHB	<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>
Bluefin tuna	BFT	<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>
Boarfish	BOR	<i>Caproidae</i>
Brill	BLL	<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>
Capelin	CAP	<i>Mallotus villosus</i>
Cod	COD	<i>Gadus morhua</i>
Common dab	DAB	<i>Limanda limanda</i>
Common skate	RJB	<i>Dipturus batis</i>
Common sole	SOL	<i>Solea solea</i>
Crabs	PAI	<i>Paralomis</i> spp.
Cuckoo ray	RJN	<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>
Deep sea red crab	GER	<i>Chaceon</i> spp.
European flounder	FLE	<i>Platichthys flesus</i>
Flatfish	FLX	<i>Pleuronectiformes</i>
Giant manta ray	RMB	<i>Manta birostris</i>
Great lanternshark	ETR	<i>Etmopterus princeps</i>
Greater silver smelt	ARU	<i>Argentina silus</i>
Greenland halibut	GHL	<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>
Grenadiers	GRV	<i>Macrourus</i> spp.
Grey rockcod	NOS	<i>Lepidonotothen squamifrons</i>
Haddock	HAD	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>
Hake	HKE	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>
Herring	HER	<i>Clupea harengus</i>

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Horse mackerel	JAX	<i>Trachurus</i> spp.
Jack mackerel	CJM	<i>Trachurus murphyi</i>
Kitefin shark	SCK	<i>Dalatias licha</i>
Krill	KRI	<i>Euphausia superba</i>
Leafscale gulper shark	GUQ	<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>
Lemon sole	LEM	<i>Microstomus kitt</i>
Ling	LIN	<i>Molva molva</i>
Mackerel	MAC	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>
Mackerel icefish	ANI	<i>Champscephalus gunnari</i>
Megrim	LEZ	<i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.
Northern prawn	PRA	<i>Pandalus borealis</i>
Norway lobster	NEP	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>
Norway pout	NOP	<i>Trisopterus esmarkii</i>
Norwegian skate	JAD	<i>Raja (Dipturus) nidarosiensis</i>
Orange roughy	ORY	<i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>
Patagonian toothfish	TOP	<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i>
"Penaeus" shrimps	PEN	<i>Penaeus</i> spp.
Plaice	PLE	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>
Pollack	POL	<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>
Porbeagle	POR	<i>Lamna nasus</i>
Portuguese dogfish	CYO	<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>
Redfish	RED	<i>Sebastes</i> spp.
Roundnose grenadier	RNG	<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>
Saithe	POK	<i>Pollachius virens</i>
Sandeels	SAN	<i>Ammodytes</i> spp.
Sandy ray	RJI	<i>Raja circularis</i>
Shagreen ray	RJF	<i>Raja fullonica</i>
Shortfin squid	SQI	<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>
Skates and rays	SRX	<i>Rajiformes</i>
Small-eyed ray	RJE	<i>Raja microocellata</i>
Smooth lanternshark	ETP	<i>Etmopterus pusillus</i>
Snow crab	PCR	<i>Chionoecetes</i> spp.
Sole	SOO	<i>Solea</i> spp.
Southern bluefin tuna	SBF	<i>Thunnus maccoyii</i>



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Spotted ray	RJM	<i>Raja montagui</i>
Sprat	SPR	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>
Spurdog/dogfish	DGS	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>
Squid	SQS	<i>Martialia hyadesi</i>
Starry ray	RJR	<i>Amblyraja radiata</i>
Swordfish	SWO	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>
Thornback ray	RJC	<i>Raja clavata</i>
Tope shark	GAG	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>
Turbot	TUR	<i>Psetta maxima</i>
Tusk	USK	<i>Brosme brosme</i>
Undulate ray	RJU	<i>Raja undulata</i>
White hake	HKW	<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>
White marlin	WHM	<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>
White skate	RJA	<i>Raja alba</i>
Whiting	WHG	<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>
Witch flounder	WIT	<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>
Yellowtail flounder	YEL	<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>

## PART B

### Kattegat, ICES subareas I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV, EU waters of CECAF, French Guiana waters

<b>Species</b> Greater silver smelt <i>Argentina silus</i>		<b>Zone</b> EU and international waters of I and II (ARU/1/2.)
Germany	24	Analytical TAC
France	8	
The Netherlands	19	
United Kingdom	39	
Union	90	
TAC	90	
<b>Species</b> Greater silver smelt <i>Argentina silus</i>		<b>Zone</b> EU waters of III and IV (ARU/34-C)
Denmark	911	Analytical TAC
Germany	9	

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France	7	
Ireland	7	
The Netherlands	43	
Sweden	35	
United Kingdom	16	
Union	1 028	
TAC	1 028	
<b>Species</b> Greater silver smelt <i>Argentina silus</i>		<b>Zone</b> EU and international waters of V, VI and VII (ARU/567.)
Germany	329	Analytical TAC
France	7	
Ireland	305	
The Netherlands	3 434	
United Kingdom	241	
Union	4 316	
TAC	4 316	
<b>Species</b> Tusk <i>Brosme brosme</i>		
Denmark	15	Analytical TAC
Sweden	7	
Germany	7	
Union	29	
TAC	29	
<b>Species</b> Boarfish <i>Caproidae</i>		<b>Zone</b> EU and international waters of VI, VII and VIII (BOR/678-)
Denmark	20 123	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	56 666	
United Kingdom	5 211	
Union	82 000	
TAC	82 000	

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<b>Species</b> Herring <b><i>Clupea harengus</i></b>		<b>Zone</b> VIa <sup>S</sup> , VI <b>b</b> , VI <b>c</b> (HER/6AS7BC)
Ireland	1 364	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
The Netherlands	136	
Union	1 500	
TAC	1 500	

**a** Reference is to the herring stock in VIa south of 56° 00' N and west of 07° 00' W.

<b>Species</b> Herring <b><i>Clupea harengus</i></b>		<b>Zone</b> VI Clyde <sup>a</sup> (HER/06ACL.)
United Kingdom	To be established <sup>b</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Union	To be established <sup>c</sup>	
TAC	To be established <sup>c</sup>	

**a** Clyde stock: reference is to the herring stock in the maritime area situated to the north-east of a line drawn between: the Mull of Kintyre and Corsewall Point.  
 — the Mull of Kintyre (55°19'N, 05°48'W);  
 — a point at position (55°04'N, 05°23'W) and;  
 — Corsewall Point (55°01'N, 05°10'W).

**b** Article 6 of this Regulation applies.

**c** Fixed at the same quantity as determined in accordance with footnote 2.

<b>Species</b> Herring <b><i>Clupea harengus</i></b>		<b>Zone</b> VIIa <sup>a</sup> (HER/07A/ MM)
Ireland	1 300	Analytical TAC
United Kingdom	3 693	
Union	4 993	
TAC	4 993	

**a** This zone is reduced by the area bounded:  
 — to the north by latitude 52° 30' N,  
 — to the south by latitude 52° 00' N,  
 — to the west by the coast of Ireland,  
 — to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.

<b>Species</b> Herring <b><i>Clupea harengus</i></b>		<b>Zone</b> VIIe and VII <b>f</b> (HER/7EF.)
France	465	Precautionary TAC
United Kingdom	465	
Union	931	
TAC	931	

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<b>Species</b> Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIIg <sup>a</sup> , VIIIh <sup>a</sup> , VIIj <sup>a</sup> and VIIIk <sup>a</sup> (HER/7G-K.)
Germany	191	Analytical TAC
France	1 062	
Ireland	14 864	
The Netherlands	1 062	
United Kingdom	21	
Union	17 200	
TAC	17 200	
<p><b>a</b> This zone is increased by the area bounded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— to the north by latitude 52° 30' N,</li> <li>— to the south by latitude 52° 00' N,</li> <li>— to the west by the coast of Ireland,</li> <li>— to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.</li> </ul>		
<b>Species</b> Anchovy <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>		<b>Zone</b> IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(ANE/9/3411)
Spain	4 198	Precautionary TAC
Portugal	4 580	
Union	8 778	
TAC	8 778	
<b>Species</b> Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>		<b>Zone</b> Kattegat(COD/03AS.)
Denmark	62 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC
Germany	1 <sup>a</sup>	
Sweden	37 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	100 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	100 <sup>a</sup>	
<p><b>a</b> Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.</p>		
<b>Species</b> Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIb; EU and international waters of Vb west of 12° 00' W and of XII and XIV(COD/5W6-14)
Belgium	0	Precautionary TAC
Germany	1	
France	12	
Ireland	16	
United Kingdom	45	

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Union	74	
TAC	74	
<b>SpeciesCodGadus morhua</b>		<b>ZoneVIa; EU and international waters of Vb east of 12° 00' W(COD/5BE6A)</b>
Belgium	0	Analytical TAC
Germany	0	
France	0	
Ireland	0	
United Kingdom	0	
Union	0	
TAC	0 <sup>a</sup>	
<p><b>a</b> By-catch of cod in the area covered by this TAC may be landed provided that it does not comprise more than 1,5 % of the live weight of the total catch retained on board per fishing trip.</p>		
<b>SpeciesCodGadus morhua</b>		<b>ZoneVIIa(COD/07A.)</b>
Belgium	4	Analytical TAC
France	10	
Ireland	188	
The Netherlands	1	
United Kingdom	82	
Union	285	
TAC	285	
<b>SpeciesCodGadus morhua</b>		
Belgium	456	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	7 459	
Ireland	1 479	
The Netherlands	2	
United Kingdom	804	
Union	10 200	
TAC	10 200	

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<b>Species</b> Porbeagle <b>Lamna nasus</b>		<b>Zone</b> French Guiana waters, Kattegat; EU waters of Skagerrak, I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1, 34.1.2 and 34.2(POR/3-1234)
Denmark	0 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
France	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Germany	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Ireland	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Spain	0 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	0 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	0 <sup>a</sup>	

**a** When accidentally caught, this species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released.

<b>Species</b> Megrim <b>Lepidorhombus spp.</b>		<b>Zone</b> EU waters of IIa and IV(LEZ/2AC4-C)
Belgium	6	Analytical TAC
Denmark	5	
Germany	5	
France	32	
The Netherlands	25	
United Kingdom	1 864	
Union	1 937	
TAC	1 937	

<b>Species</b> Megrim <b>Lepidorhombus spp.</b>		<b>Zone</b> EU and international waters of Vb; VI; international waters of XII and XIV(LEZ/56-14)
Spain	385	Analytical TAC
France	1 501	
Ireland	439	
United Kingdom	1 062	
Union	3 387	
TAC	3 387	

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<b>SpeciesMegrimsLepidorhombus spp.</b>		<b>ZoneVII(LEZ/07.)</b>
Belgium	470 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Spain	5 216 <sup>a</sup>	
France	6 329 <sup>a</sup>	
Ireland	2 878 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	2 492 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	17 385	
TAC	17 385	

- a In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries an additional allocation within an overall limit of 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, pursuant to Article 7 of this Regulation.

<b>SpeciesMegrimsLepidorhombus spp.</b>		<b>ZoneVIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe(LEZ/8ABDE.)</b>
Spain	950	Analytical TAC
France	766	
Union	1 716	
TAC	1 716	

<b>SpeciesMegrimsLepidorhombus spp.</b>		<b>ZoneVIIIc, IX and X; EU waters of CEEAF 34.1.1(LEZ/8C3411)</b>
Spain	1 121	Analytical TAC
France	56	
Portugal	37	
Union	1 214	
TAC	1 214	

<b>SpeciesAnglerfishLophiidae</b>		<b>ZoneVI; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV(ANF/56-14)</b>
Belgium	177	Precautionary TAC
Germany	202	
Spain	189	
France	2 179	
Ireland	492	
The Netherlands	170	
United Kingdom	1 515	

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Union	4 924
TAC	4 924

<b>SpeciesAnglerfishLophiidae</b>		<b>ZoneVII(ANF/07.)</b>
Belgium	2 693 <sup>ab</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Germany	300 <sup>ab</sup>	
Spain	1 070 <sup>ab</sup>	
France	17 282 <sup>ab</sup>	
Ireland	2 209 <sup>ab</sup>	
The Netherlands	349 <sup>ab</sup>	
United Kingdom	5 241 <sup>ab</sup>	
Union	29 144 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	29 144 <sup>a</sup>	

**a** Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIId (ANF/\*8ABDE).

**b** In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries an additional allocation within an overall limit of 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, pursuant to Article 7 of this Regulation.

<b>SpeciesAnglerfishLophiidae</b>		<b>ZoneVIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIId(ANF/8ABDE.)</b>
Spain	1 190	Analytical TAC
France	6 619	
Union	7 809	
TAC	7 809	

<b>SpeciesAnglerfishLophiidae</b>		<b>ZoneVIIIc, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(ANF/8C3411)</b>
Spain	2 063	Analytical TAC
France	2	
Portugal	410	
Union	2 475	
TAC	2 475	

<b>SpeciesHaddockMelanogrammus aeglefinus</b>		<b>ZoneEU and international waters of Vb and Via(HAD/5BC6A.)</b>
Belgium	5	Analytical TAC
Germany	6	



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France	232	
Ireland	690	
United Kingdom	3 278	
Union	4 211	
TAC	4 211	
<b>SpeciesHaddock</b> <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>		<b>ZoneVIIb-k, VIII, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(HAD/7X7A34)</b>
Belgium	157 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	9 432 <sup>a</sup>	
Ireland	3 144 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	1 415 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	14 148 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	14 148	
<p><b>a</b> In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries an additional allocation within an overall limit of 5 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, pursuant to Article 7 of this Regulation.</p>		
<b>SpeciesHaddock</b> <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>		<b>ZoneVIIa(HAD/07A.)</b>
Belgium	19	Analytical TAC
France	86	
Ireland	515	
United Kingdom	569	
Union	1 189	
TAC	1 189	
<b>SpeciesWhiting</b> <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>		<b>ZoneVI; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV(WHG/56-14)</b>
Germany	2	Analytical TAC
France	36	
Ireland	87	
United Kingdom	167	
Union	292	
TAC	292	
<b>SpeciesWhiting</b> <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>		<b>ZoneVIIa(WHG/07A.)</b>

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Belgium	0	Analytical TAC
France	3	
Ireland	49	
The Netherlands	0	
United Kingdom	32	
Union	84	
TAC	84	

<b>Species Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i></b>		<b>Zone VIIb, VIIc, VIId, VIIe, VIIf, VIIg, VIIh, VIIj and VIIk (WHG/7X7A-C)</b>
Belgium	239	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	14 700	
Ireland	6 812	
The Netherlands	120	
United Kingdom	2 629	
Union	24 500	
TAC	24 500	

<b>Species Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i></b>		<b>Zone VIII (WHG/08.)</b>
Spain	1 270	Precautionary TAC
France	1 905	
Union	3 175	
TAC	3 175	

<b>Species Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i></b>		<b>Zone IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHG/9/3411)</b>
Portugal	To be established <sup>a</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Union	To be established <sup>b</sup>	
TAC	To be established <sup>b</sup>	

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<b>[<sup>F1</sup>SpeciesHakeMerluccius merluccius</b>		<b>ZoneIIIa; EU waters of Subdivisions 22-32(HKE/3A/BCD)</b>
Denmark	1 929 <sup>b</sup>	Analytical TAC
Sweden	164 <sup>b</sup>	
Union	2 093	
TAC	2 093 <sup>a</sup>	

**a** Within the following overall TAC for the northern stock of hake:  
69 440

**b** Transfers of this quota may be effected to EU waters of IIa and IV. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Substituted by [Council Regulation \(EU\) No 1182/2013 of 19 November 2013 amending Regulations \(EC\) No 754/2009, \(EU\) No 1262/2012, \(EU\) No 39/2013 and \(EU\) No 40/2013 as regards certain fishing opportunities.](#)

<b>SpeciesHakeMerluccius merluccius</b>		<b>ZoneEU waters of IIa and IV(HKE/2AC4-C)</b>
Belgium	35	Analytical TAC
Denmark	1 409	
Germany	162	
France	312	
Netherlands	81	
United Kingdom	439	
Union	2 438	
TAC	2 438 <sup>a</sup>	

**a** Within the following overall TAC for the northern stock of hake:  
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<b>SpeciesHakeMerluccius merluccius</b>		<b>ZoneVI and VII; EU and international waters of Vb;international waters of XII and XIV(HKE/571214)</b>
Belgium	358 <sup>ac</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies
Spain	11 478 <sup>c</sup>	
France	17 726 <sup>ac</sup>	
Ireland	2 148 <sup>c</sup>	
Netherlands	231 <sup>ac</sup>	
United Kingdom	6 998 <sup>ac</sup>	
Union	38 939	
TAC	38 939 <sup>b</sup>	

**a** Transfers of this quota may be effected to EU waters of IIa and IV. However, such transfers must be notified in advance to the Commission.

**b** Within the following overall TAC for the northern stock of hake:  
69 440

**c** In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries an additional allocation within an overall limit of 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, pursuant to Chapter II of Title II of this Regulation.

**Special condition:**

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

	<b>VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIE (HKE/*8ABDE)</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	46
<b>Spain</b>	1 852
<b>France</b>	1 852
<b>Ireland</b>	231
<b>Netherlands</b>	23
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1 042
<b>Union</b>	5 046

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<b>SpeciesHakeMerluccius merluccius</b>		<b>ZoneVIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIE(HKE/8ABDE.)</b>
Belgium	12 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC
Spain	7 991	
France	17 944	
Netherlands	23 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	25 970	
TAC	25 970] <sup>b</sup>	

**a** Transfers of this quota may be effected to IV and EU waters of IIa. However, such transfers must be notified in advance to the Commission.

**b** Within the following overall TAC for the northern stock of hake:  
69 440

**Special condition:**

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

	<b>VI and VII; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV (HKE/*57-14)</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	2
<b>Spain</b>	2 315
<b>France</b>	4 166
<b>Netherlands</b>	7
<b>Union</b>	6 490

<b>SpeciesHakeMerluccius merluccius</b>		<b>ZoneVIIEc, IX and X; EU waters of CEEAF 34.1.1(HKE/8C3411)</b>
Spain	9 051	Analytical TAC
France	869	
Portugal	4 224	
Union	14 144	
TAC	14 144	

<b>SpeciesBlue lingMolva dypterygia</b>		<b>ZoneInternational waters of XII(BLI/12INT-)</b>
Estonia	2 <sup>a</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Spain	739 <sup>a</sup>	
France	18 <sup>a</sup>	
Lithuania	7 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	7 <sup>a</sup>	
Others	2 <sup>a</sup>	

**a** Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

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Union	774 <sup>a</sup>
TAC	774 <sup>a</sup>

**a** Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

<b>SpeciesBlue ling</b> <i>Molva dypterygia</i>		<b>ZoneEU and international waters of II and IV(BLI/24-)</b>
Denmark	4	Precautionary TAC
Germany	4	
Ireland	4	
France	23	
United Kingdom	14	
Others <sup>a</sup>	4	
Union	53	
TAC	53	

**a** Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.

<b>SpeciesBlue ling</b> <i>Molva dypterygia</i>		<b>ZoneEU and international waters of III(BLI/03-)</b>
Denmark	3	Precautionary TAC
Germany	2	
Sweden	3	
Union	8	
TAC	8	

<b>SpeciesLing</b> <i>Molva molva</i>		<b>ZoneIIIa; EU waters of IIIbcd(LIN/3A/BCD)</b>
Belgium	6 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC
Denmark	50	
Germany	6 <sup>a</sup>	
Sweden	19	
United Kingdom	6 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	87	
TAC	87	

**a** Quota may be fished in EU waters of IIIa and EU waters of IIIbcd only.

<b>SpeciesNorway lobster</b> <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		<b>ZoneEU waters of Iia and IV(NEP/2AC4-C)</b>
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Belgium	908	Analytical TAC
Denmark	908	
Germany	13	
France	27	
The Netherlands	467	
United Kingdom	15 027	
Union	17 350	
TAC	17 350	

<b>Species</b> Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		<b>ZoneVI; EU and international waters of Vb(NEP/5BC6.)</b>
Spain	34	Analytical TAC
France	135	
Ireland	226	
United Kingdom	16 295	
Union	16 690	
TAC	16 690	

<b>Species</b> Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		<b>ZoneVII(NEP/07.)</b>
Spain	1 384 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	5 609 <sup>a</sup>	
Ireland	8 506 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	7 566 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	23 065 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	23 065 <sup>a</sup>	

**a** Special condition: of which no more than the following quotas may be taken in Functional Unit 16 of ICES Subarea VII (NEP/\*07U16):

Spain	543
France	340
Ireland	653
United Kingdom	264
Union	1 800

<b>Species</b> Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		<b>ZoneVIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe(NEP/8ABDE.)</b>
Spain	234	Analytical TAC

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France	3 665
Union	3 899
TAC	3 899

<b>Species</b> Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIIIc(NEP/08C.)
Spain	71	Analytical TAC
France	3	
Union	74	
TAC	74	

<b>Species</b> Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>		<b>Zone</b> IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(NEP/9/3411)
Spain	62	Analytical TAC
Portugal	184	
Union	246	
TAC	246	

<b>Species</b> "Penaeus" shrimps <i>Penaeus spp.</i>		<b>Zone</b> French Guiana waters(PEN/FGU.)
France	To be established <sup>ab</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Union	To be established <sup>bc</sup>	
TAC	To be established <sup>bc</sup>	

**a** Article 6 of this Regulation applies.

**b** Fishing for shrimps *Penaeus subtilis* and *Penaeus brasiliensis* is prohibited in waters less than 30 metres deep.

**c** Fixed at the same quantity as determined in accordance with footnote 1.

<b>Species</b> Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		<b>Zone</b> VI; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV(PLE/56-14)
France	9	Precautionary TAC
Ireland	261	
United Kingdom	388	
Union	658	
TAC	658	

<b>Species</b> Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIIa(PLE/07A.)
Belgium	42	Analytical TAC



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France	18
Ireland	1 063
The Netherlands	13
United Kingdom	491
Union	1 627
TAC	1 627

<b>Species</b> Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIIb and VIIc(PLE/7BC.)
France	11	Precautionary TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Ireland	63	
Union	74	
TAC	74	

<b>Species</b> Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIIId and VIIe(PLE/7DE.)
Belgium	1 047 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	3 491 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	1 862 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	6 400	
TAC	6 400	

<sup>a</sup> In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries an additional allocation within an overall limit of 1 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, pursuant to Article 7 of this Regulation.

<b>Species</b> Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIIIf and VIIg(PLE/7FG.)
Belgium	46	Analytical TAC
France	83	
Ireland	197	
United Kingdom	43	
Union	369	
TAC	369	

<b>Species</b> Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>		<b>Zone</b> VIIH, VIIj and VIIk(PLE/7HJK.)
Belgium	9	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	18	
Ireland	61	

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The Netherlands	35	
United Kingdom	18	
Union	141	
TAC	141	
<b>SpeciesPlaice<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i></b>		<b>ZoneVIII, IX and X; EU waters of CEECAF 34.1.1(PL/8/341)</b>
Spain	66	Precautionary TAC
France	263	
Portugal	66	
Union	395	
TAC	395	
<b>SpeciesPollack<i>Pollachius pollachius</i></b>		<b>ZoneVI; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV(POL/56-14)</b>
Spain	6	Precautionary TAC
France	190	
Ireland	56	
United Kingdom	145	
Union	397	
TAC	397	
<b>SpeciesPollack<i>Pollachius pollachius</i></b>		<b>ZoneVII(POL/07.)</b>
Belgium	420	Precautionary TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Spain	25	
France	9 667	
Ireland	1 030	
United Kingdom	2 353	
Union	13 495	
TAC	13 495	
<b>SpeciesPollack<i>Pollachius pollachius</i></b>		<b>ZoneVIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIE(POL/8ABDE.)</b>
Spain	252	Precautionary TAC
France	1 230	

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Union	1 482	
TAC	1 482	
<b>SpeciesPollackPollachius pollachius</b>		<b>ZoneVIIIc(POL/08C.)</b>
Spain	208	Precautionary TAC
France	23	
Union	231	
TAC	231	
<b>SpeciesPollackPollachius pollachius</b>		<b>ZoneIX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(POL/9/3411)</b>
Spain	273 <sup>a</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Portugal	9 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	282 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	282	
a Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in EU waters of VIIIc (POL/*08C.).		
<b>SpeciesSaithePollachius virens</b>		<b>ZoneVII, VIII, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(POK/7/3411)</b>
Belgium	6	Precautionary TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	1 245	
Ireland	1 491	
United Kingdom	434	
Union	3 176	
TAC	3 176	
<b>SpeciesSkates and raysRajiformes</b>		<b>ZoneEU waters of IIa and IV(SRX/2AC4-C)</b>
Belgium	211 <sup>abc</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	8 <sup>abc</sup>	
Germany	10 <sup>abc</sup>	
a Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/2AC4-C), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/2AC4-C), blonde ray ( <i>Raja adiate an</i> ) (RJH/2AC4-C), spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/2AC4-C) and starry ray ( <i>Amblyraja adiate</i> ) (RJR/2AC4-C) shall be reported separately.		
b By-catch quota. These species shall not comprise more than 25 % by live weight of the catch retained on board per fishing trip. This condition applies only to vessels over 15 metres' length overall.		
c Shall not apply to common skate ( <i>Dipturus batis</i> ). When accidentally caught, that species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.		

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France	33 <sup>abc</sup>
The Netherlands	180 <sup>abc</sup>
United Kingdom	814 <sup>abc</sup>
Union	1 256 <sup>ac</sup>
TAC	1 256 <sup>c</sup>

- a** Catches of cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/2AC4-C), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/2AC4-C), blonde ray (*Raja adiate an*) (RJH/2AC4-C), spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/2AC4-C) and starry ray (*Amblyraja adiate*) (RJR/2AC4-C) shall be reported separately.
- b** By-catch quota. These species shall not comprise more than 25 % by live weight of the catch retained on board per fishing trip. This condition applies only to vessels over 15 metres' length overall.
- c** Shall not apply to common skate (*Dipturus batis*). When accidentally caught, that species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.

SpeciesSkates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>		ZoneEU waters of IIIa(SRX/03A-C.)
Denmark	41 <sup>ab</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Sweden	11 <sup>ab</sup>	
Union	52 <sup>ab</sup>	
TAC	52 <sup>b</sup>	
<p><b>a</b> Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/03A-C.), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/03A-C.), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/03A-C.) and starry ray (<i>Amblyraja radiata</i>) (RJR/03A-C.) shall be reported separately.</p> <p><b>b</b> Shall not apply to common skate (<i>Dipturus batis</i>) and thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>). When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.</p>		

SpeciesSkates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>		ZoneEU waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k(SRX/67AKXD)
Belgium	806 <sup>abc</sup>	Precautionary TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Estonia	5 <sup>abc</sup>	
France	3 615 <sup>abc</sup>	
Germany	11 <sup>abc</sup>	
Ireland	1 165 <sup>abc</sup>	
Lithuania	19 <sup>abc</sup>	
The Netherlands	3 <sup>abc</sup>	
Portugal	20 <sup>abc</sup>	
Spain	974 <sup>abc</sup>	
United Kingdom	2 306 <sup>abc</sup>	
Union	8 924 <sup>abc</sup>	

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TAC	8 924 <sup>b</sup>
a	Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/67AKXD), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/67AKXD), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/67AKXD), spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/67AKXD), small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> ) (RJE/67AKXD), sandy ray ( <i>Raja circularis</i> ) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray ( <i>Raja fullonica</i> ) (RJF/67AKXD) shall be reported separately.
b	Shall not apply to undulate ray ( <i>Raja undulata</i> ), common skate ( <i>Dipturus batis</i> ), Norwegian skate ( <i>Raja (Dipturus) nidarosiensis</i> ) and white skate ( <i>Raja alba</i> ). When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.
c	Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in EU waters of VIId (SRX/*07D.). Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/*07D.), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/*07D.), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/*07D.), spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/*07D.), small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> ) (RJE/*07D.), sandy ray ( <i>Raja circularis</i> ) (RJI/*07D.) and shagreen ray ( <i>Raja fullonica</i> ) (RJF/*07D.) shall be reported separately.

SpeciesSkates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>		ZoneEU waters of VIId(SRX/07D.)
Belgium	72 <sup>abc</sup>	Precautionary TAC
France	602 <sup>abc</sup>	
The Netherlands	4 <sup>abc</sup>	
United Kingdom	120 <sup>abc</sup>	
Union	798 <sup>abc</sup>	
TAC	798 <sup>b</sup>	
a	Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/07D.), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/07D.), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/07D.), spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/07D.), small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> ) (RJE/07D.) and starry ray ( <i>Amblyraja radiata</i> ) (RJR/07D.) shall be reported separately.	
b	Shall not apply to common skate ( <i>Dipturus batis</i> ) and undulate ray ( <i>Raja undulata</i> ). When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.	
c	Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in EU waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k (SRX/*67AKD). Catches of Cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/*67AKD), thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/*67AKD), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/*67AKD), spotted ray ( <i>Raja montagui</i> ) (RJM/*67AKD), small-eyed ray ( <i>Raja microocellata</i> ) (RJE/*67AKD) and starry ray ( <i>Amblyraja radiata</i> ) (RJR/*67AKD) shall be reported separately.	

SpeciesSkates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>		ZoneEU waters of VIII and IX(SRX/89-C.)
Belgium	8 <sup>ab</sup>	Precautionary TAC
France	1 441 <sup>ab</sup>	
Portugal	1 168 <sup>ab</sup>	
Spain	1 175 <sup>ab</sup>	
United Kingdom	8 <sup>ab</sup>	
Union	3 800 <sup>ab</sup>	
a	Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/89-C.), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/89-C.) and thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/89-C.) shall be reported separately.	
b	Shall not apply to undulate ray ( <i>Raja undulata</i> ), common skate ( <i>Dipturus batis</i> ) and white skate ( <i>Raja alba</i> ). When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.	

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TAC	3 800 <sup>b</sup>	
<b>a</b>	Catches of cuckoo ray ( <i>Leucoraja naevus</i> ) (RJN/89-C.), blonde ray ( <i>Raja brachyura</i> ) (RJH/89-C.) and thornback ray ( <i>Raja clavata</i> ) (RJC/89-C.) shall be reported separately.	
<b>b</b>	Shall not apply to undulate ray ( <i>Raja undulata</i> ), common skate ( <i>Dipturus batis</i> ) and white skate ( <i>Raja alba</i> ). When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.	
<b>Species Common sole <i>Solea solea</i></b>		<b>Zone IIIa; EU waters of Subdivisions 22-32 (SOL/3A/BCD)</b>
Denmark	470	Analytical TAC
Germany	27 <sup>a</sup>	
The Netherlands	45 <sup>a</sup>	
Sweden	18	
Union	560	
TAC	560	
<b>a</b>	Quota may be fished in EU waters of IIIa, Subdivisions 22-32 only.	
<b>Species Common sole <i>Solea solea</i></b>		<b>Zone VI; EU and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV (SOL/56-14)</b>
Ireland	46	Precautionary TAC
United Kingdom	11	
Union	57	
TAC	57	
<b>Species Common sole <i>Solea solea</i></b>		<b>Zone VIIa (SOL/07A.)</b>
Belgium	36	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
France	0	
Ireland	58	
The Netherlands	11	
United Kingdom	35	
Union	140	
TAC	140	
<b>Species Common sole <i>Solea solea</i></b>		<b>Zone VIIb and VIIc (SOL/7BC.)</b>
France	6	Precautionary TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Ireland	36	

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Union	42	
TAC	42	
<b>SpeciesCommon soleSolea solea</b>		<b>ZoneVIIId(SOL/07D.)</b>
Belgium	1 588	Analytical TAC
France	3 177	
United Kingdom	1 135	
Union	5 900	
TAC	5 900	
<b>SpeciesCommon soleSolea solea</b>		
Belgium	32 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	337 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	525 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	894	
TAC	894	
<p><b>a</b> In addition to this quota, a Member State may grant to vessels flying its flag and participating in trials on fully documented fisheries an additional allocation within an overall limit of 5 % of the quota allocated to that Member State, pursuant to Article 7 of this Regulation.</p>		
<b>SpeciesCommon soleSolea solea</b>		<b>ZoneVIIIf and VIIg(SOL/7FG.)</b>
Belgium	688	Analytical TAC
France	69	
Ireland	34	
United Kingdom	309	
Union	1 100	
TAC	1 100	
<b>SpeciesCommon soleSolea solea</b>		
Belgium	33	Analytical TAC Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
France	67	
Ireland	181	
The Netherlands	54	
United Kingdom	67	
Union	402	
TAC	402	

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<b>SpeciesCommon sole</b> <i>Solea solea</i>		<b>ZoneVIIIa and VIIIb(SOL/8AB.)</b>
Belgium	51	Analytical TAC
Spain	9	
France	3 758	
The Netherlands	282	
Union	4 100	
TAC	4 100	
<b>SpeciesSole</b> <i>Solea spp.</i>		<b>ZoneVIIIc, VIIIId, VIIIe, IX and X; EU waters of CECAF 34.1.1(SOO/8CDE34)</b>
Spain	403	Precautionary TAC
Portugal	669	
Union	1 072	
TAC	1 072	
<b>SpeciesSprat</b> <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		<b>ZoneVIIId and VIIe(SCR/7DE.)</b>
Belgium	26	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	1 674	
Germany	26	
France	361	
The Netherlands	361	
United Kingdom	2 702	
Union	5 150	
TAC	5 150	
<b>SpeciesSpurdog/dogfish</b> <i>Squalus acanthias</i>		<b>ZoneEU waters of IIIa(DGS/03A-C.)</b>
Denmark	0	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Sweden	0	
Union	0	
TAC	0	



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<b>Species Spurdog/dogfish <i>Squalus acanthias</i></b>		<b>Zone EU waters of IIa and IV (DGS/2AC4-C)</b>
Belgium	0 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.
Denmark	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Germany	0 <sup>a</sup>	
France	0 <sup>a</sup>	
The Netherlands	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Sweden	0 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	0 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	0 <sup>a</sup>	

- a** Catches taken with longlines of tope shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*), kitefin shark (*Dalatias licha*), bird beak dogfish (*Deania calcea*), leafscale gulper shark (*Centrophorus squamosus*), greater lanternshark (*Etmopterus princeps*), smooth lanternshark (*Etmopterus pusillus*), Portuguese dogfish (*Centroscymnus coelolepis*) and spurdog (*Squalus acanthias*) are included. When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released.

<b>Species Spurdog/dogfish <i>Squalus acanthias</i></b>		<b>Zone EU and international waters of I, V, VI, VII, VIII, XII and XIV (DGS/15X14)</b>
Belgium	0 <sup>a</sup>	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply. Article 11 of this Regulation applies.
Germany	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Spain	0 <sup>a</sup>	
France	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Ireland	0 <sup>a</sup>	
The Netherlands	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Portugal	0 <sup>a</sup>	
United Kingdom	0 <sup>a</sup>	
Union	0 <sup>a</sup>	
TAC	0 <sup>a</sup>	

- a** Catches taken with longlines of tope shark (*Galeorhinus galeus*), kitefin shark (*Dalatias licha*), bird beak dogfish (*Deania calcea*), leafscale gulper shark (*Centrophorus squamosus*), greater lanternshark (*Etmopterus princeps*), smooth lanternshark (*Etmopterus pusillus*), Portuguese dogfish (*Centroscymnus coelolepis*) and spurdog (*Squalus acanthias*) are included. When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released.

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[ <sup>F2</sup> SpeciesHorse mackerelTrachurus spp.]		ZoneVIIIc(JAX/08C.)
Spain	22 409 <sup>ac</sup>	Analytical TAC
France	388 <sup>a</sup>	
Portugal	2 214 <sup>ac</sup>	
Union	25 011	
TAC	25 011	

**a** Of which, notwithstanding Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 850/98, no more than 5 % may consist of horse mackerel between 12 and 14 cm. For the purposes of the control of that quantity, the conversion factor to be applied to the weight of the landings shall be 1,20.

**b** Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 of 30 March 1998 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms (OJ L 125, 27.4.1998, p. 1).

**c** Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota may be fished in IX (JAX/\*09.)]

#### Textual Amendments

**F2** Substituted by Council Regulation (EU) No 297/2013 of 27 March 2013 amending Regulations (EU) No 44/2012, (EU) No 39/2013 and (EU) No 40/2013 as regards certain fishing opportunities.

[ <sup>F2</sup> SpeciesHorse mackerelTrachurus spp.]		ZoneIX(JAX/09.)
Spain	7 762 <sup>ab</sup>	Analytical TAC
Portugal	22 238 <sup>ab</sup>	
Union	30 000	
TAC	30 000	

**a** Of which, notwithstanding Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 850/98, no more than 5 % may consist of horse mackerel between 12 and 14 cm. For the purposes of the control of that quantity, the conversion factor to be applied to the weight of the landings shall be 1,20.

**b** Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota may be fished in VIIIc (JAX/\*08C.)]

[ <sup>F2</sup> SpeciesHorse mackerelTrachurus spp.]		ZoneX; EU waters of CECAF <sup>a</sup> (JAX/X34PRT)
Portugal	To be established <sup>bc</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Union	To be established <sup>d</sup>	
TAC	To be established <sup>d</sup>	

**a** Waters adjacent to the Azores.

**b** Of which, notwithstanding Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 850/98, no more than 5 % may consist of horse mackerel between 12 and 14 cm. For the purposes of the control of that quantity, the conversion factor to be applied to the weight of the landings shall be 1,20.

**c** Article 6 of this Regulation applies.

**d** Fixed at the same quantity as determined in accordance with footnote 3.]

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[ <sup>F2</sup> SpeciesHorse mackerel <i>Trachurus</i> spp.]		ZoneEU waters of CECAF <sup>a</sup> (JAX/341PRT)
Portugal	To be established <sup>bc</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Union	To be established <sup>d</sup>	
TAC	To be established <sup>d</sup>	

**a** Waters adjacent to Madeira.

**b** Of which, notwithstanding Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 850/98, no more than 5 % may consist of horse mackerel between 12 and 14 cm. For the purposes of the control of that quantity, the conversion factor to be applied to the weight of the landings shall be 1,20.

**c** Article 6 of this Regulation applies.

**d** Fixed at the same quantity as determined in accordance with footnote 3.]

SpeciesHorse mackerel <i>Trachurus</i> spp.]		ZoneEU waters of CECAF <sup>a</sup> (JAX/341SPN)
Spain	To be established <sup>b</sup>	Precautionary TAC
Union	To be established <sup>c</sup>	
TAC	To be established <sup>c</sup>	

**a** Waters adjacent to the Canary Islands.

**b** Article 6 of this Regulation applies.

**c** Fixed at the same quantity as determined in accordance with footnote 2.

## ANNEX IIA

### FISHING EFFORT FOR VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF COD STOCKS IN THE KATTEGAT, ICES DIVISIONS VIa AND VIIa AND EU WATERS OF ICES DIVISION Vb

#### 1. Scope

1.1. This Annex shall apply to EU vessels carrying on board or deploying any of the gears referred to in point 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 and present in any of the geographical areas specified in point 2 of this Annex.

1.2. This Annex shall not apply to vessels of less than 10 metres' length overall. Those vessels shall not be required to carry fishing authorisations issued in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. Member States concerned shall assess the fishing effort of those vessels by effort groups to which they belong, using appropriate sampling methods. During 2013, the Commission shall seek scientific advice for evaluating the effort deployment of those vessels, with a view to their future inclusion into the effort regime.

#### 2. Regulated gears and geographical areas

For the purposes of this Annex, the gear groupings referred to in point 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 ("regulated gear") and the groupings of geographical areas referred to in points 2(a), 2(c) and 2(d) of that Annex shall apply.

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### 3. Authorisations

If a Member State deems so appropriate in order to reinforce the sustainable implementation of this effort regime, it shall not issue an authorisation for fishing with a regulated gear in any of the geographical areas to which this Annex applies by any of vessels flying its flag which has no record of such fishing activity, unless it ensures that equivalent capacity, measured in kilowatts, is prevented from fishing in that area.

### 4. Maximum allowable fishing effort

- 4.1. The maximum allowable effort referred to in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 for the 2013 management period, i.e. from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014, for each of the effort groups of each Member State is set out in Appendix 1 to this Annex.
- 4.2. The maximum levels of annual fishing effort set in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003<sup>(17)</sup> shall not affect the maximum allowable fishing effort set in this Annex.

### 5. Management

- 5.1. Member States shall manage the maximum allowable effort in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 4 and Articles 13 to 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 and Articles 26 to 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.
- 5.2. A Member State may establish management periods for allocating all or parts of the maximum allowable effort to individual vessels or groups of vessels. In such case, the number of days or hours for which a vessel may be present within the area during a management period shall be fixed at the discretion of the Member State concerned. During any such management periods, the Member State concerned may reallocate effort between individual vessels or groups of vessels.
- 5.3. If a Member State authorises vessels flying its flag to be present within an area by hours, it shall continue measuring the consumption of days in accordance with the conditions referred to in point 5.1. Upon request by the Commission, the Member State concerned shall demonstrate its precautionary measures taken to avoid an excessive consumption of effort within the area due to a vessel terminating presences in the area before the end of a 24-hour period.

### 6. Fishing effort report

Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 shall apply to vessels falling under the scope of this Annex. The geographical area referred to in that Article shall be understood, for the purpose of cod management, as each of the groupings of geographical areas referred to in point 2 of this Annex.

### 7. Communication of relevant data

Member States shall transmit to the Commission the data on fishing effort deployed by their fishing vessels in accordance with Articles 33 and 34 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. These data shall be transmitted via the Fisheries Data Exchange System or any future data collection system implemented by the Commission.

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MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FISHING EFFORT IN KILOWATT DAYS

Geographical area	Regulated gear	DK	DE	SE			
(a) Kattegat	TR1	197 929	4 212	16 610			
	TR2	830 041	5 240	327 506			
	TR3	441 872	0	490			
	BT1	0	0	0			
	BT2	0	0	0			
	GN	115 456	26 534	13 102			
	GT	22 645	0	22 060			
	LL	1 100	0	25 339			
Geographical area	Regulated gear	BE	FR	IE	NL	UK	
(c) ICES division VIIa	TR1	0	48 193	33 539	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 339 592]	
	TR2	10 166	744	475 649	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 1 086 399]	
	TR3	0	0	1 422	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 0]	
	BT1	0	0	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 0]	
	BT2	843 782	0	514 584	200 000	[ <sup>F1</sup> 111 693]	
	GN	0	471	18 255	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 5 970]	
	GT	0	0	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 158]	
	LL	0	0	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 70 614]	
Geographical area	Regulated gear	BE	DE	ES	FR	IE	UK
(d) ICES division VIa and EU waters of ICES division VIb	TR1	0	9 320	[ <sup>F1</sup> 249 152]	1 057 828	428 820	1 033 273
	TR2	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 0]	34 926	14 371	2 972 845
	TR3	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 0]	0	273	16 027
	BT1	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 0]	0	0	117 544
	BT2	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 0]	0	3 801	4 626
	GN	0	35 442	[ <sup>F1</sup> 13 836]	302 917	5 697	213 454
	GT	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 0]	0	1 953	145
	LL	0	0	[ <sup>F1</sup> 1 402 142]	184 354	4 250	630 040

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## **FISHING EFFORT FOR VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECOVERY OF CERTAIN SOUTHERN HAKE AND NORWAY LOBSTER STOCKS IN ICES DIVISIONS VIIIc AND IXa EXCLUDING THE GULF OF CÁDIZ**

### **CHAPTER I**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **1. Scope**

This Annex shall apply to EU vessels of 10 metres' length overall or more carrying on board or deploying trawls, Danish seines or similar gears of mesh size equal to or larger than 32 mm and gill-nets of mesh size equal to or larger than 60 mm or bottom longlines in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2166/2005, and present in ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa excluding the Gulf of Cádiz.

##### **2. Definitions**

For the purposes of this Annex:

- (a) 'gear grouping' means the grouping consisting of the following two gear categories:
  - (i) trawls, Danish seines or similar gears of mesh size equal to or larger than 32 mm and
  - (ii) gill-nets of mesh size equal to or larger than 60 mm and bottom longlines;
- (b) 'regulated gear' means any of the two gear categories belonging to the gear grouping;
- (c) 'area' means ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa excluding the Gulf of Cádiz;
- (d) '2013 management period' means the period from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014;
- (e) 'special conditions' means the special conditions set out in point 6.1.

##### **3. Limitation in activity**

Without prejudice to Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, each Member State shall ensure that, when carrying on board any regulated gear, EU vessels flying its flag shall be present within the area for no more than the number of days specified in Chapter III of this Annex.

### **CHAPTER II**

#### **AUTHORISATIONS**

##### **4. Authorised vessels**

- 4.1. A Member State shall not authorise fishing with a regulated gear in the area by any of vessels flying its flag which have no record of such fishing activity in the years 2002 to 2012 in the area, excluding the record of fishing activities as a result of transfer of days between fishing vessels, unless it ensures that equivalent capacity, measured in kilowatts, is prevented from fishing in the area.
- 4.2. A vessel flying the flag of a Member State having no quotas in the area shall not be authorised to fish in the area with a regulated gear, unless the vessel is allocated a quota after a transfer as permitted in accordance with Article 20(5) of Regulation (EC)

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No 2371/2002 and is allocated days at sea in accordance with point 11 or 12 of this Annex.

### CHAPTER III

#### NUMBER OF DAYS PRESENT WITHIN THE AREA ALLOCATED TO EU VESSELS

##### 5. Maximum number of days

- 5.1. During the 2013 management period, the maximum number of days at sea for which a Member State may authorise a vessel flying its flag to be present within the area having carried on board any regulated gear is shown in Table I.
- 5.2. If a vessel is able to demonstrate that its hake catches represent less than 4 % of the total live weight of fish caught in a given fishing trip, the flag Member State of the vessel shall be allowed not to count the days at sea associated with that fishing trip against the applicable maximum number of days at sea as set out in Table I.

##### 6. Special conditions for the allocation of days

- 6.1. For the purposes of fixing the maximum number of days at sea an EU vessel may be authorised by its flag Member State to be present within the area, the following special conditions shall apply in accordance with Table I:
- (a) the total landings of hake in the year 2010 or 2011 made by the vessel concerned shall represent less than 5 tonnes according to the landings in live weight; and
- (b) the total landings of Norway lobster in the year 2010 or 2011 made by the vessel concerned shall represent less than 2,5 tonnes according to the landings in live weight.
- 6.2. If a vessel benefits from an unlimited number of days as a result of its compliance with the special conditions, the vessel's landings in the 2013 management period shall not exceed 5 tonnes of the total landings in live weight of hake and 2,5 tonnes of the total landings in live weight of Norway lobster.
- 6.3. When either of the special conditions is not met by a vessel, that vessel shall, with immediate effect, no longer be entitled to the allocation of days corresponding to the given special condition.
- 6.4. The application of the special conditions referred to in point 6.1. may be transferred from one vessel to one or more other vessels which replace that vessel in the fleet, provided that the replacing vessel uses similar gear and does not have in any year of its operation a record of landings of hake and Norway lobster higher than the quantities specified in point 6.1.

*Table I*

#### Maximum number of days a vessel may be present within the area by fishing gear per year

Special condition	Regulated gear	Maximum number of days	
	Bottom trawls,	ES	141
	Danish seines and similar trawls of	FR	134
	mesh size $\geq$ 32 mm,	PT	140

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*Table I*

**Maximum number of days a vessel may be present within the area by fishing gear per year**

	gill-nets of mesh size $\geq 60$ mm and bottom longlines		
6.1.(a) and 6.1.(b)	Bottom trawls, Danish seines and similar trawls of mesh size $\geq 32$ mm, gill-nets of mesh size $\geq 60$ mm and bottom longlines	Unlimited	

**7. Kilowatt day system**

- 7.1. A Member State may manage its fishing effort allocations in accordance with a kilowatt days system. Through that system it may authorise any vessel concerned by any regulated gear and special conditions as set out in Table I to be present within the area for a maximum number of days which is different from that set out in that Table, provided that the overall amount of kilowatt days corresponding to the regulated gear and to the special conditions is respected.
- 7.2. This overall amount of kilowatt days shall be the sum of all individual fishing efforts allocated to the vessels flying the flag of that Member State and qualified for the regulated gear and, where applicable, the special conditions. Such individual fishing efforts shall be calculated in kilowatt days by multiplying the engine power of each vessel by the number of days at sea it would benefit from, according to Table I, if point 7.1. were not applied. For as long as the number of days is unlimited according to Table I, the relevant number of days the vessel would benefit from is 360.
- 7.3. A Member State wishing to benefit from the system referred to in point 7.1. shall submit a request to the Commission, with reports in electronic format containing, for the regulated gear and special conditions as laid down in Table I, the details of the calculation based on:
- (a) list of vessels authorised to fish by indicating their EU fishing fleet register number (CFR) and their engine power;
  - (b) track record of 2010 and 2011 for such vessels reflecting the catch composition defined in the special condition referred to in point 6.1.(a) or (b), if these vessels are qualified for such special conditions;
  - (c) the number of days at sea for which each vessel would have initially been authorised to fish according to Table I and the number of days at sea which each vessel would benefit from in application of point 7.1.
- 7.4. On the basis of that request, the Commission shall assess whether the conditions referred to in point 7 are complied with and, where applicable, may authorise that Member State to benefit from the system referred to in point 7.1.

**8. Allocation of additional days for permanent cessation of fishing activities**



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- 8.1. An additional number of days at sea on which a vessel may be authorised by its flag Member State to be present within the area when carrying on board any regulated gear may be allocated to a Member State by the Commission on the basis of permanent cessations of fishing activities that have taken place between 1 February 2012 and 31 January 2013 either in accordance with Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006<sup>(18)</sup> or Regulation (EC) No 744/2008<sup>(19)</sup>. Permanent cessations resulting from any other circumstances may be considered by the Commission on a case-by-case basis, following a written and duly motivated request from the Member State concerned. Such written request shall identify the vessels concerned and confirm, for each of them, that they shall never return to fishing activities.
- 8.2. The effort expended in 2003 measured in kilowatt days of the withdrawn vessels using the regulated gear shall be divided by the effort expended by all vessels using that gear during 2003. The additional number of days at sea shall be then calculated by multiplying the ratio so obtained by the number of days that would have been allocated according to Table I. Any part of a day resulting from that calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole day.
- 8.3. Points 8.1. and 8.2. shall not apply where a vessel has been replaced in accordance with point 3 or 6.4., or when the withdrawal has already been used in previous years to obtain additional days at sea.
- 8.4. A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred to in point 8.1. shall submit a request to the Commission, by 15 June 2013, with reports in electronic format containing, for the gear grouping and special conditions as laid down in Table I, the details of the calculation based on:
  - (a) lists of withdrawn vessels with their EU fishing fleet register number (CFR) and their engine power;
  - (b) the fishing activity deployed by such vessels in 2003 calculated in days at sea according to the grouping of fishing gears and, if necessary, special conditions.
- 8.5. On the basis of such a request by a Member State the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, allocate that Member State a number of days additional to that referred to in point 5.1. for that Member State. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).
- 8.6. During the 2013 management period, a Member State may re-allocate those additional days at sea to all or part of the vessels remaining in fleet and qualified for the regulated gears. Additional days stemming from a withdrawn vessel that benefited from a special condition referred to in point 6.1.(a) or (b) may not be allocated to a vessel remaining active that does not benefit from a special condition.
- 8.7. When the Commission allocates additional days at sea due to a permanent cessation of fishing activities during the 2013 management period, the maximum number of days per Member State and gear shown in Table I shall be adjusted accordingly for the 2014 management period.
9. **Allocation of additional days for enhanced scientific observer coverage**
  - 9.1. Three additional days on which a vessel may be present within the area when carrying on board any regulated gear may be allocated to a Member State by the Commission on the basis of an enhanced programme of scientific observer coverage in partnership between scientists and the fishing industry. Such a programme shall focus

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in particular on levels of discarding and on catch composition and shall go beyond the requirements on data collection, as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 199/2008<sup>(20)</sup> and its implementing rules for national programmes.

- 9.2. Scientific observers shall be independent from the owner, the master of the vessel and any crew member.
- 9.3. A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred to in point 9.1. shall submit a description of its enhanced scientific observer coverage programme to the Commission for approval.
- 9.4. On the basis of that description, and after consultation with STECF, the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, allocate the Member State concerned a number of days additional to that referred to in point 5.1. for that Member State and for the vessels, the area and gear concerned by the enhanced programme of scientific observers. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).
- 9.5. If an enhanced scientific observer coverage programme submitted by a Member State has been approved by the Commission in the past and the Member State concerned wishes to continue its application without changes, it shall inform the Commission of the continuation of that programme four weeks before the beginning of the period for which the programme applies.

## CHAPTER IV

### MANAGEMENT

#### 10. General obligation

Member States shall manage the maximum allowable effort in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 2166/2005 and Articles 26 to 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

#### 11. Management periods

- 11.1. A Member State may divide the days present within the area set out in Table I into management periods of durations of one or more calendar months.
- 11.2. The number of days or hours for which a vessel may be present within the area during a management period shall be fixed by the Member State concerned.
- 11.3. Where a Member State authorises vessels flying its flag to be present within the area by hours, the Member State shall continue measuring the consumption of days as specified in point 10. Upon request by the Commission, the Member State shall demonstrate its precautionary measures taken to avoid an excessive consumption of days within the area due to a vessel terminating presences in the area before the end of a 24-hour period.

## CHAPTER V

### EXCHANGES OF FISHING EFFORT ALLOCATIONS

#### 12. Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State

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- 12.1. A Member State may permit any fishing vessel flying its flag to transfer days present within the area for which it has been authorised to another vessel flying its flag within the area, provided that the product of the days received by a vessel multiplied by its engine power in kilowatts (kilowatt days) is equal to or less than the product of the days transferred by the donor vessel and the engine power in kilowatts of that vessel. The engine power in kilowatts of the vessels shall be that recorded for each vessel in the EU fishing fleet register.
- 12.2. The total number of days present within the area transferred in accordance with point 12.1., multiplied by the engine power in kilowatts of the donor vessel, shall not be higher than the donor vessel's average annual days track record in the area as verified by the fishing logbook in the years 2010 and 2011 multiplied by the engine power in kilowatts of that vessel.
- 12.3. The transfer of days as described in point 12.1. shall be permitted between vessels operating with any regulated gear and during the same management period.
- 12.4. The transfer of days is only permitted for vessels benefiting from an allocation of fishing days without special conditions.
- 12.5. On request from the Commission, Member States shall provide information on the transfers that have taken place. The format of spreadsheets for the collection and transmission of information referred to in this point may be established by the Commission, by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).
13. **Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of different Member States**  
Member States may permit the transfer of days present within the area for the same management period and within the area between any fishing vessels flying their flags provided that points 4.1. and 4.2. and 12 apply *mutatis mutandis*. Where Member States decide to authorise such a transfer, they shall notify the Commission, before the transfer takes place, of the details of the transfer, including the number of days to be transferred, the fishing effort and, where applicable, the fishing quotas relating thereto.

## CHAPTER VI

### REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

#### 14. **Fishing effort report**

Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 shall apply to vessels falling under the scope of this Annex. The geographical area referred to in that Article shall be understood as the area specified in point 2 of this Annex.

#### 15. **Collection of relevant data**

Member States, on the basis of information used for the management of fishing days present within the area as set out in this Annex, shall collect on a quarterly basis the information about total fishing effort deployed within the area for towed gears and static gears, effort deployed by vessels using different types of gear in the area, and the engine power of those vessels in kilowatt days.

#### 16. **Communication of relevant data**

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Upon request from the Commission, Member States shall make available to the Commission a spreadsheet with data specified in point 15 in the format specified in Tables II and III by sending it to the appropriate electronic mailbox address, which shall be communicated to the Member States by the Commission. Member States shall, upon the Commission's request, send to the Commission detailed information on effort allocated and consumed covering all or parts of the 2012 and 2013 management periods, using the data format specified in Tables IV and V.

TABLE II

**Reporting format kW-day information by year**

Member State	Gear	Year	Cumulative effort declaration
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

TABLE III

**Data format kW-day information by year**

Name of field	Maximum number of characters/digits	Alignment <sup>a</sup> L(eft)/R(ight)	Definition and comments
(1) Member State	3		Member State (Alpha-3 ISO code) in which the vessel is registered
(2) Gear	2		One of the following gear types: TR =trawls, Danish seines and similar gear ≥ 32 mm GN =gillnets ≥ 60 mm LL =bottom longlines
(3) Year	4		Either 2006 or 2007 or 2008 or 2009 or 2010 or 2011 or 2012 or 2013
(4) Cumulative effort declaration	7	R	Cumulative amount of fishing effort expressed in kilowatt days deployed from 1 January until 31 December of the relevant year

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TABLE IV

**Reporting format for vessel-related information**



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				similar gear ≥ 32 mm GN =gillnets ≥ 60 mm LL =bottom longlines
(6)	Special condition applying to notified gear(s)	2	L	Indication of which, if any, of the special condition referred to in point 6.1.(a) or (b) of Annex IIB that apply
(7)	Days eligible using notified gear(s)	3	L	Number of days for which the vessel is eligible under Annex IIB for the choice of gears and length of management period notified
(8)	Days spent with notified gear(s)	3	L	Number of days the vessel actually spent present within the area and using a gear corresponding to gear notified during the notified management period
(9)	Transfers of days	4	L	For days transferred indicate '- number of days transferred' and for days received indicate '+ number of days transferred'

**a** Information relevant for transmission of data by fixed-length formatting.

**b** Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1381/87 of 20 May 1987 establishing detailed rules concerning the marking and documentation of fishing vessels (OJ L 132, 21.5.1987, p. 9).

## ANNEX IIC

### FISHING EFFORT FOR VESSELS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF WESTERN CHANNEL SOLE STOCKS IN ICES DIVISION VIIe

#### CHAPTER I

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### 1. Scope

- 1.1. This Annex shall apply to EU vessels of 10 metres length overall or more carrying on board or deploying beam trawls of mesh size equal to or greater than 80 mm and static

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nets including gill-nets, trammel-nets and tangle-nets with mesh size equal to or less than 220 mm in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 509/2007, and present in ICES division VIIe. For the purposes of this Annex, a reference to the 2013 management period means the period from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014.

- 1.2. Vessels fishing with static nets with mesh size equal to or larger than 120 mm and with track records of less than 300 kg live weight of sole per year during the three previous years, according to their fishing records, shall be exempt from the application of this Annex subject to the following conditions:
- (a) such vessels catch less than 300 kg live weight of sole during the 2013 management period;
  - (b) such vessels do not tranship any fish at sea to another vessel;
  - (c) by 31 July 2013 and 31 January 2014 each Member State concerned make a report to the Commission on these vessels' catch records for sole in the three previous years as well as on catches of sole in 2013.

Where any of these conditions is not met, the vessels concerned shall, with immediate effect, cease to be exempt from the application of this Annex.

## 2. **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Annex the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) 'gear grouping' means the grouping consisting of the following two gear categories:
  - (i) beam trawls of mesh size equal to or greater than 80 mm and
  - (ii) a static nets, including gill-nets, trammel nets and tangle-nets, with mesh size equal to or less than 220 mm;
- (b) 'regulated gear' means any of the two gear categories belonging to the gear grouping;
- (c) 'area' means ICES division VIIe;
- (d) '2013 management period' means the period from 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014.

## 3. **Limitation in activity**

Without prejudice to Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, each Member State shall ensure that, when carrying on board any regulated gear, EU vessels flying its flag and registered in the Union shall be present within the area for no more than the number of days set out in Chapter III of this Annex.

# CHAPTER II

## AUTHORISATIONS

### 4. **Authorised vessels**

- 4.1 A Member State shall not authorise fishing with a regulated gear in the area by any of vessels flying its flag which have no record of such fishing activity in the years 2002 to 2012 in that area unless it ensures that equivalent capacity, measured in kilowatts, is prevented from fishing in the area.

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- 4.2 However, a vessel with a track record of using a regulated gear may be authorised to use a different fishing gear, provided that the number of days allocated to this latter gear is greater than or equal to the number of days allocated to the regulated gear.
- 4.3 A vessel flying the flag of a Member State having no quotas in the area shall not be authorised to fish in the area with a regulated gear, unless the vessel is allocated a quota after a transfer as permitted in accordance with Article 20(5) of Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 and is allocated days at sea in accordance with point 10 or 11 of this Annex.

### CHAPTER III

#### NUMBER OF DAYS PRESENT WITHIN THE AREA ALLOCATED TO EU VESSELS

##### 5. Maximum number of days

During the 2013 management period, the maximum number of days at sea for which a Member State may authorise a vessel flying its flag to be present within the area having carried on board any regulated gear is shown in Table I.

TABLE I

##### Maximum number of days a vessel may be present within the area by category of regulated gear per year

Regulated gear	Maximum number of days
Beam trawls of mesh size $\geq 80$ mm	164
Static nets with mesh size $\leq 220$ mm	164

##### 6. Kilowatt day system

- 6.1. During the 2013 management period, a Member State may manage its fishing effort allocations in accordance with a kilowatt days system. Through that system it may authorise any vessel concerned by any regulated gear as set out in Table I to be present within the area for a maximum number of days which is different from that set out in that Table, provided that the overall amount of kilowatt days corresponding to the regulated gear is respected.
- 6.2. This overall amount of kilowatt days shall be the sum of all individual fishing efforts allocated to the vessels flying the flag of that Member State and qualified for the regulated gear. Such individual fishing efforts shall be calculated in kilowatt days by multiplying the engine power of each vessel by the number of days at sea it would benefit from, according to Table I, if point 6.1. were not applied.
- 6.3. A Member State wishing to benefit from the system referred to in point 6.1. shall submit a request to the Commission, with reports in electronic format containing, for the regulated gear as laid down in Table I, the details of the calculation based on:
- (a) list of vessels authorised to fish by indicating their EU fishing fleet register number (CFR) and their engine power;



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- (b) the number of days at sea for which each vessel would have initially been authorised to fish according to Table I and the number of days at sea which each vessel would benefit from in application of point 6.1.
- 6.4. On the basis of that request, the Commission shall assess whether the conditions referred to in point 6 are complied with and, where applicable, may authorise that Member State to benefit from the system referred to in point 6.1.
- 7. Allocation of additional days for permanent cessation of fishing activities**
- 7.1. An additional number of days at sea on which a vessel may be authorised by its flag Member State to be present within the area when carrying on board any regulated gear may be allocated to a Member State by the Commission on the basis of permanent cessations of fishing activities that have taken place since 1 January 2004 either in accordance with Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 or Regulation (EC) No 744/2008. Permanent cessations resulting from any other circumstances may be considered by the Commission on a case-by-case basis, following a written and duly motivated request from the Member State concerned. Such written request shall identify the vessels concerned and confirm, for each of them, that they shall never return to fishing activities.
- 7.2. The effort expended in 2003 measured in kilowatt days of the withdrawn vessels using a given gear grouping shall be divided by the effort expended by all vessels using that gear grouping during 2003. The additional number of days at sea shall be then calculated by multiplying the ratio so obtained by the number of days that would have been allocated according to Table I. Any part of a day resulting from that calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole day.
- 7.3. Points 7.1. and 7.2. shall not apply where a vessel has been replaced in accordance with point 4.2., or when the withdrawal has already been used in previous years to obtain additional days at sea.
- 7.4. A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred to in point 7.1. shall submit a request to the Commission, by 15 June 2013, with reports in electronic format containing for the gear grouping as laid down in Table I, the details of the calculation based on:
- (a) lists of withdrawn vessels with their EU fishing fleet register number (CFR) and their engine power;
- (b) the fishing activity deployed by such vessels in 2003 calculated in days at sea according to the grouping of fishing gears.
- 7.5. On the basis of such a request by a Member State the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, allocate that Member State a number of days additional to that referred to in point 5 for that Member State. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).
- 7.6. During the 2013 management period, a Member State may re-allocate those additional days at sea to all or part of the vessels remaining in fleet and qualified for the regulated gears.
- 7.7. A Member State may not re-allocate in the 2013 management period any additional number of days resulting from a permanent cessation of activity previously allocated by the Commission, unless the Commission has taken a decision that reassesses those additional numbers of days on the basis of the current gear groupings and limitations

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in days at sea. Upon the Member State's request to reassess the number of days, the Member State is provisionally authorised to reallocate 50 % of the additional number of days, until the Commission takes its decision.

**8. Allocation of additional days for enhanced scientific observer coverage**

- 8.1. Three additional days on which a vessel may be present within the area when carrying on board any regulated gear may be allocated between 1 February 2013 and 31 January 2014 to a Member State by the Commission on the basis of an enhanced programme of scientific observer coverage in partnership between scientists and the fishing industry. Such a programme shall focus in particular on levels of discarding and on catch composition and go beyond the requirements on data collection, as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 and its implementing rules for national programmes.
- 8.2. Scientific observers shall be independent from the owner, the master of the fishing vessel and any crew member.
- 8.3. A Member State wishing to benefit from the allocations referred to in point 8.1. shall submit a description of its enhanced scientific observer coverage programme to the Commission for approval.
- 8.4. On the basis of that description, and after consultation with STECF, the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, allocate the Member State concerned a number of days additional to that referred to in point 5 for that Member State and for the vessels, the area and gear concerned by the enhanced programme of scientific observers. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).
- 8.5. If an enhanced scientific observer coverage programme submitted by a Member State has been approved by the Commission in the past and the Member State concerned wishes to continue its application without changes, it shall inform the Commission of the continuation of that programme four weeks before the beginning of the period for which the programme applies.

## CHAPTER IV

### MANAGEMENT

**9. General obligation**

Member States shall manage the maximum allowable effort in accordance with Articles 26 to 35 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

**10. Management periods**

- 10.1. A Member State may divide the days present within the area set out in Table I into management periods of durations of one or more calendar months.
- 10.2. The number of days or hours for which a vessel may be present within the area during a management period shall be fixed by the Member State concerned.
- 10.3. Where a Member State authorises vessels flying its flag to be present within the area by hours, the Member State shall continue measuring the consumption of days as specified in point 9. Upon request by the Commission, the Member State shall demonstrate its precautionary measures taken to avoid an excessive consumption of

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days within the area due to a vessel terminating presences in the area before the end of a 24-hours period.

## CHAPTER V

### EXCHANGES OF FISHING EFFORT ALLOCATIONS

11. **Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of a Member State**
- 11.1. A Member State may permit any fishing vessel flying its flag to transfer days present within the area for which it has been authorised to another vessel flying its flag within the area, provided that the product of the days received by a vessel multiplied by its engine power in kilowatts (kilowatt days) is equal to or less than the product of the days transferred by the donor vessel and the engine power in kilowatts of that vessel. The engine power in kilowatts of the vessels shall be that recorded for each vessel in the EU fishing fleet register.
- 11.2. The total number of days present within the area transferred in accordance with point 11.1., multiplied by the engine power in kilowatts of the donor vessel, shall not be higher than the donor vessel's average annual days track record in the area as verified by the fishing logbook in the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 multiplied by the engine power in kilowatts of that vessel.
- 11.3. The transfer of days as described in point 11.1. shall be permitted between vessels operating with any regulated gear and during the same management period.
- 11.4. On request from the Commission, Member States shall provide information on the transfers that have taken place. Formats of spreadsheet for the collection and transmission of information referred to in this point may be established by the Commission, by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 14(2).
12. **Transfer of days between fishing vessels flying the flag of different Member States**
- Member States may permit transfer of days present within the area for the same management period and within the area between any fishing vessels flying their flags provided that points 4.2., 4.4., 5, 6 and 10 apply *mutatis mutandis*. Where Member States decide to authorise such a transfer, they shall notify the Commission before the transfer takes place, the details of the transfer, including the number of days to be transferred, the fishing effort and, where applicable, the fishing quotas relating thereto.

## CHAPTER VI

### REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

13. **Fishing effort report**
- Article 28 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 shall apply to vessels falling under the scope of this Annex. The geographical area referred to in that Article shall be understood as the area specified in point 2 of this Annex.
14. **Collection of relevant data**

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Member States, on the basis of information used for the management of fishing days present within the area as set out in this Annex, shall collect on a quarterly basis the information about total fishing effort deployed within the area for towed gears and static gears, effort deployed by vessels using different types of gear in the area, and the engine power of those vessels in kilowatt days.

#### 15. Communication of relevant data

Upon request from the Commission, Member States shall make available to the Commission a spreadsheet with data specified in point 14 in the format specified in Tables II and III by sending it to the appropriate electronic mailbox address, which shall be communicated to the Member States by the Commission. Member States shall, upon the Commission's request, send to the Commission detailed information on effort allocated and consumed covering all or parts of the 2012 and 2013 management periods, using the data format specified in Tables IV and V.

TABLE II

#### Reporting format kW-day information by year

Member State	Gear	Year	Cumulative effort declaration
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

TABLE III

#### Data format kW-day information by year

Name of field	Maximum number of characters/digits	Alignment <sup>a</sup> L(eft)/R(ight)	Definition and comments
(1) Member State	3		Member State (Alpha-3 ISO code) in which the vessel is registered
(2) Gear	2		One of the following gear types: BT =beam trawls ≥ 80 mm GN =gillnet < 220 mm TN =trammel net or entangling net < 220 mm
(3) Year	4		Either 2006 or 2007 or 2008 or 2009 or 2010 or 2011 or 2012 or 2013
(4) Cumulative effort declaration	7	R	Cumulative amount of fishing effort expressed in kilowatt days deployed from 1 January until 31

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			December of the relevant year
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TABLE IV

**Reporting format for vessel-related information**

Member State	CFR	External marking	Length of management period	Gears notified				Days eligible using notified gear(s)				Days spent with notified gear(s)				Transfer of days
				No 1	No 2	No 3	...	No 1	No 2	No 3	...	No 1	No 2	No 3	...	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(8)

TABLE V

**Data format for vessel-related information**

Name of field	Maximum number of characters/digits	Alignment <sup>a</sup> L(ef)/R(ight)	Definition and comments
(1) Member State	3		Member State (Alpha-3 ISO code) in which vessel is registered
(2) CFR	12		EU fishing fleet register number (CFR) Unique identification number of a fishing vessel Member State (Alpha-3 ISO code) followed by an identifying series (9 characters). Where a series has fewer than 9 characters, additional zeros shall be inserted on the left hand side
(3) External marking	14	L	Under Regulation (EEC) No 1381/87
(4) Length of management period	2	L	Length of the management period measured in months
(5) Gears notified	2	L	One of the following gear types:

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				BT =beam trawls ≥ 80 mm GN =gillnet < 220 mm TN =trammel net or entangling net < 220 mm
(6)	Special condition applying to notified gear(s)	3	L	Number of days for which the vessel is eligible under Annex IIC for the choice of gears and length of management period notified
(7)	Days spent with notified gear(s)	3	L	Number of days the vessel actually spent present within the area and using a gear corresponding to gear notified during the notified management period
(8)	Transfers of days	4	L	For days transferred indicate '- number of days transferred' and for days received indicate '+ number of days transferred'

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- (1) [OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.](#)
- (2) [OJ L 345, 28.12.2005, p. 5.](#)
- (3) [OJ L 122, 11.5.2007, p. 7.](#)
- (4) [OJ L 344, 20.12.2008, p. 6.](#)
- (5) [OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 20.](#)
- (6) Council Regulation (EC) No 811/2004 of 21 April 2004 establishing measures for the recovery of the northern hake stock ([OJ L 150, 30.4.2004, p. 1.](#))
- (7) Council Regulation (EC) No 388/2006 of 23 February 2006 establishing a multiannual plan for the sustainable exploitation of the stock of sole in the Bay of Biscay ([OJ L 65, 7.3.2006, p. 1.](#))
- (8) [OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3.](#)
- (9) [OJ L 281, 23.11.1995, p. 31.](#)
- (10) [OJ L 214, 19.8.2009, p. 16.](#)
- (11) [OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.](#)
- (12) [OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13.](#)
- (13) Commission Regulation (EC) No 517/2008 of 10 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 as regards the determination of the mesh size and assessing the thickness of twine of fishing nets ([OJ L 151, 11.6.2008, p. 5.](#))
- (14) Regulation (EC) No 218/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic ([OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 70.](#))
- (15) Regulation (EC) No 216/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic ([OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 1.](#))
- (16) Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 of 29 September 2008 concerning authorisations for fishing activities of Community fishing vessels outside Community waters and the access of third country vessels to Community waters ([OJ L 286, 29.10.2008, p. 33.](#))
- (17) Council Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 of 4 November 2003 on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources ([OJ L 289, 7.11.2003, p. 1.](#))
- (18) Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 of 27 July 2006 on the European Fisheries Fund ([OJ L 223, 15.8.2006, p. 1.](#))
- (19) Council Regulation (EC) No 744/2008 of 24 July 2008 instituting a temporary specific action aiming to promote the restructuring of the European Community fishing fleets affected by the economic crisis ([OJ L 202, 31.7.2008, p. 1.](#))
- (20) Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy ([OJ L 60, 5.3.2008, p. 1.](#))

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