

Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2328/2003, (EC) No 861/2006, (EC) No 1198/2006 and (EC) No 791/2007 and Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council

TITLE I

SUBJECT-MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

Article 1

Subject-matter

This Regulation defines Union financial measures for the implementation of:

- (a) the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP);
- (b) relevant measures relating to the Law of the Sea;
- (c) the sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture areas and inland fishing; and
- (d) the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP).

Article 2

Geographical scope

This Regulation applies to operations carried out in the territory of the Union, unless otherwise provided for in this Regulation.

Article 3

Definitions

1 For the purposes of this Regulation and without prejudice to paragraph 2 of this Article, the definitions referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013, Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 and Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 apply.

2 For the purpose of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (1) ‘Common information sharing environment’ (CISE) means a network of systems with a decentralised set-up developed for the exchange of information between users in order to improve their situational awareness of activities at sea;
- (2) ‘cross-sectoral operations’ means those initiatives that mutually benefit different sectors and/or sectoral policies, as referred to in the TFEU, and that cannot be accomplished entirely through measures encompassed within respective policy areas;

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- (3) ‘electronic recording and reporting system’ (ERS) means a system for the electronic recording and reporting of data as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009;
- (4) ‘European marine observation and data network’ means a network that integrates relevant national marine observation and data programmes into a common and accessible European resource;
- (5) ‘fisheries and aquaculture area’ means an area with a sea, river or lake shore, including ponds or a river basin, with a significant level of employment in fisheries or aquaculture, that is functionally coherent in geographical, economic and social terms and is designated as such by a Member State;
- (6) ‘fisherman’ means any person engaging in commercial fishing activities, as recognised by the Member State;
- (7) ‘inland fishing’ means fishing activities carried out for commercial purposes in inland waters by vessels or other devices, including those used for ice fishing;
- (8) ‘integrated coastal zone management’ means strategies and measures such as those described in Recommendation 2002/413/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾;
- (9) ‘integrated maritime governance’ means the coordinated management of all sectoral policies at Union level affecting the oceans, seas and coastal regions;
- (10) ‘Integrated Maritime Policy’ (IMP) means a Union policy whose aim is to foster coordinated and coherent decision-making to maximise the sustainable development, economic growth and social cohesion of Member States, and notably the coastal, insular and outermost regions in the Union, as well as maritime sectors, through coherent maritime-related policies and relevant international cooperation;
- (11) ‘Integrated maritime surveillance’ (IMS) means a Union initiative aimed at enhancing effectiveness and efficiency in surveillance activities in respect of the European seas through information exchange and collaboration across sectors and borders;
- (12) ‘maritime spatial planning’ means a process by which the relevant Member State’s authorities analyse and organise human activities in marine areas in order to achieve ecological, economic and social objectives;
- (13) ‘measure’ means a set of operations;
- (14) ‘small-scale coastal fishing’ means fishing carried out by fishing vessels of an overall length of less than 12 metres and not using towed fishing gear as listed in Table 3 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 26/2004⁽²⁾;
- (15) ‘vessels operating exclusively in inland waters’ means vessels engaged in commercial fishing in inland waters and not included in the Union fishing fleet register.

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- (1) Recommendation 2002/413/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2002 concerning the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe ([OJ L 148, 6.6.2002, p. 24](#)).
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 26/2004 of 30 December 2003 on the Community fishing fleet register ([OJ L 5, 9.1.2004, p. 25](#)).

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