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*Article 1*

1. The fishing opportunities established under the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

(a) Category 1 — Vessels fishing for crustaceans other than spiny lobster and crab:

Spain:	4 150 tonnes
Italy:	600 tonnes
Portugal:	250 tonnes

Within this category, a maximum of 25 vessels may be deployed in Mauritanian waters at any one time.

(b) Category 2 — Black hake (non-freezer) trawlers and bottom longliners:

Spain:	6 000 tonnes
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Within this category, a maximum of 6 vessels may be deployed in Mauritanian waters at any one time.

(c) Category 3 — Vessels fishing for demersal species other than black hake with gear other than trawls:

Spain:	3 000 tonnes
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Within this category, a maximum of 6 vessels may be deployed in Mauritanian waters at any one time.

(d) Category 4 — Tuna seiners:

Spain:	17 annual licences
France:	8 annual licences

(e) Category 5 — Pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners:

Spain:	14 annual licences
France:	1 annual licence

(f) Category 6 — Pelagic freezer trawlers:

Germany:	12 560 tonnes
France:	2 615 tonnes
Latvia:	53 913 tonnes
Lithuania:	57 642 tonnes
Netherlands:	62 592 tonnes
Poland:	26 112 tonnes
United Kingdom:	8 531 tonnes
Ireland:	8 535 tonnes

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During each year of the validity of the Protocol, the following number of quarterly licences shall be held by Member States:

Germany:	4
France:	2
Latvia:	20
Lithuania:	22
Netherlands:	16
Poland:	8
United Kingdom:	2
Ireland:	2

Member States shall inform the Commission if certain licences may be at the disposal of other Member States.

Within this category, a maximum of 19 vessels may be deployed in Mauritanian waters at any one time.

## (g) Category 7 — Non-freezer pelagic vessels:

Ireland	15 000 tonnes
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These fishing opportunities may, if they are not used, be transferred to category 6 according to the method of allocation of that category. Ireland shall inform the Commission, by 1 July of every year of the validity of the Protocol at the latest, whether fishing opportunities may become available for other Member States.

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## (h) Category 2a — Black hake (freezer) trawlers:

Spain:	Black hake	3 500 tonnes
	Squid	1 450 tonnes
	Cuttlefish	600 tonnes

Within this category, a maximum of 6 vessels may be deployed in Mauritanian waters at any one time.

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2. Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 shall apply without prejudice to the Partnership Agreement.

3. If applications for fishing authorisations from the Member States referred to in paragraph 1 do not exhaust the fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol, the Commission shall consider applications for fishing authorisations from any other Member State in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008.

4. The time-limit within which the Member States must confirm that they are not fully exhausting the fishing opportunities granted to them under the Partnership Agreement, as provided by Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008, is set at ten working days as from the date on which the Commission informs them that the fishing opportunities are not exhausted.

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*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from the date of signature of the Protocol.

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