

Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008

TITLE III

**FISHING OPERATIONS BY THIRD-COUNTRY
FISHING VESSELS IN UNION WATERS**

Article 31

RFMO membership requirements

A third-country fishing vessel may only carry out fishing operations in Union waters on stocks managed by an RFMO if the third country is a contracting party to that RFMO.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulation revoked by [2020 c. 22 Sch. 11 para. 8](#)
- Art. 31 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(36\)](#)

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

- Title IIIa addition by [EUR 2019/498 Regulation](#)
- Title 2Ch. 2s. 4 addition by [EUR 2019/498 Regulation](#)
- Ch. 2 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(10\)](#)
- Ch. 3 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(20\)](#)
- Ch. 4 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(25\)](#)
- Ch. 5 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(29\)](#)
- Art. 2(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 2(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 2(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(b) words inserted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/739, reg. 8\(4\)\(a\)](#) by [S.I. 2019/1312 reg. 8\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(d) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(e) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(f) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(4\)\(e\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(f) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(4\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 3(2)(f) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(4\)\(e\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 5(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 5(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 5(1)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(v\)](#)
- Art. 5(1)(e) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(vi\)](#)
- Art. 6(2)(d) omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(8\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 6(3)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(8\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 6(4)(b) omitted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(8\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 18a Text replacement by [EUR 2019/1797 Regulation](#)
- Art. 20(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(22\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 20(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(22\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 21(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(23\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 24(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(27\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 33(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(38\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 33(1)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/739 reg. 8\(38\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 38a Text replacement by [EUR 2019/1797 Regulation](#)
- Art. 38b replacement by [EUR 2019/1797 Regulation](#)
- Art. 38c para. 2 Point (f) replacement by [EUR 2019/1797 Regulation](#)