

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/46 of 20 October
2017 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal and
deep sea fisheries in North-Western waters for the year 2018

Article 5

De minimis exemptions

By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the following quantities may be discarded:

- (a) for whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*), up to a maximum of 6 % of the total annual catches of that species by vessels obliged to land whiting and using bottom trawls and seines of less than 100 mm (OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT and TX) and pelagic trawls (OTM, PTM) to catch whiting in ICES divisions VII d and VII e;
- (b) for whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*), up to a maximum of 6 % of the total annual catches of that species by vessels obliged to land whiting and using bottom trawls and seines of not less than 100 mm (OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT and TX) and pelagic trawls (OTM, PTM) to catch whiting in ICES divisions VII b-VII j;
- (c) for whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*), up to a maximum of 6 % of the total annual catches of that species by vessels obliged to land whiting and using bottom trawls and seines of less than 100 mm (OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT and TX) and pelagic trawls (OTM, PTM) to catch whiting in ICES subarea VII, except divisions VII a, VII d and VII e;
- (d) for Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*), up to a maximum of 6 % of the total annual catches of that species by vessels obliged to land Norway lobster and fishing for Norway lobster in ICES subarea VII;
- (e) for Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*), up to a maximum of 2 % of the total annual catches of that species by vessels obliged to land Norway lobster and fishing for Norway lobster in ICES subarea VI;
- (f) for common sole (*Solea solea*), up to a maximum of 3 % of the total annual catches of that species by vessels obliged to land common sole and using trammel and gill nets to catch common sole in ICES divisions VII d, VII e, VII f and VII g;
- (g) for common sole (*Solea solea*), up to a maximum of 3 % of the total annual catches of that species by vessels obliged to land common sole and using TBB gear with mesh size of 80-199 mm with increased selectivity, such as a large mesh extension, to catch common sole in ICES divisions VII d, VII e, VII f, VII g and VII h.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/46, Article 5.