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## ANNEX V

### NORTH SEA<sup>(1)</sup>

#### PART A

##### Minimum conservation reference sizes

Species	North Sea
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )	35 cm
Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )	30 cm
Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	35 cm
Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )	30 cm
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	27 cm
Megrim ( <i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.)	20 cm
Sole ( <i>Solea</i> spp.)	24 cm
Plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )	27 cm
Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> )	27 cm
Ling ( <i>Molva molva</i> )	63 cm
Blue ling ( <i>Molva dipterygia</i> )	70 cm
Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	Total length 85 mm, Carapace length 25 mm Norway lobster tails 46 mm
Mackerel ( <i>Scomber</i> spp.)	30 cm <sup>d</sup>
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	20 cm <sup>d</sup>
Horse mackerel ( <i>Trachurus</i> spp.)	15 cm <sup>d</sup>
Anchovy ( <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> )	12 cm or 90 individuals per kg <sup>d</sup>
Bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> )	42 cm
Sardine ( <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> )	11 cm <sup>d</sup>
Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> )	87 mm (carapace length)
Spinous spider crab ( <i>Maja squinado</i> )	120 mm
Queen scallop ( <i>Chalamys</i> spp.)	40 mm
Grooved carpetshell ( <i>Ruditapes decussatus</i> )	40 mm
Carpetshell ( <i>Venerupis pullastra</i> )	38 mm
Short-necked clam ( <i>Venerupis philippinarum</i> )	35 mm
Clam ( <i>Venus verrucosa</i> )	40 mm
Hard clam ( <i>Callista chione</i> )	6 cm

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Razor clam ( <i>Ensis</i> spp.)	10 cm
Surf clams ( <i>Spisula solida</i> )	25 mm
Donax clams ( <i>Donax</i> spp.)	25 mm
Bean solen ( <i>Pharus legumen</i> )	65 mm
Whelk ( <i>Buccinum undatum</i> .)	45 mm
Octopus ( <i>Octopus vulgaris</i> )	750 g
Crawfish ( <i>Palinurus</i> spp.)	95 mm (carapace length)
Deepwater rose shrimp ( <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i> )	22 mm (carapace length)
Edible crab ( <i>Cancer pagurus</i> )	140 mm <sup>abc</sup>
Scallop ( <i>Pecten maximus</i> )	100 mm
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )	30 cm
Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )	27 cm
Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	30 cm
Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )	—
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	30 cm
Megrim ( <i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.)	25 cm
Sole ( <i>Solea</i> spp.)	24 cm
Plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )	27 cm
Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> )	23 cm
Ling ( <i>Molva molva</i> )	—
Blue ling ( <i>Molva dypterygia</i> )	—
Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	Total length 105 mm Norway lobster tails 59 mm Carapace length 32 mm
Mackerel ( <i>Scomber</i> spp.)	20 cm <sup>d</sup>
Herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )	18 cm <sup>d</sup>
Horse mackerel ( <i>Trachurus</i> spp.)	15 cm <sup>d</sup>
Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> )	Total length 220 mm Carapace length 78 mm

**a** In [F1United Kingdom] waters in ICES division 4a. In ICES Divisions 4b and 4c, a minimum conservation reference size of 130 mm shall apply.

**b** In an area in ICES divisions 4b and 4c limited by a point at 53°28'22" N, 0°09'24" E, on the coast of England, a straight line joining this point with 53°28'22" N, 0°22'24" E, the 6-mile boundary of the United Kingdom, and a straight line connecting a point at 51°54'06" N, 1°30'30" E, with a point on the coast of England at 51°55'48" N, 1°17'00" E, a minimum conservation reference size of 115 mm shall apply.

**c** For edible crabs caught in pots or creels, a maximum of 1 % by weight of the total catch of edible crab may consist of detached claws. For edible crabs caught with any other fishing gear, a maximum of 75 kg of detached crab claws may be landed.

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- d** By way of derogation from Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the minimum conservation reference sizes of sardine, anchovy, herring, horse mackerel and mackerel shall not apply within a limit of 10 % by live weight of the total catches retained on board of each of those species.  
The percentage of sardine, anchovy, herring, horse mackerel or mackerel below minimum conservation reference size shall be calculated as the proportion by live weight of all marine organisms on board after sorting or on landing.  
The percentage may be calculated on the basis of one or more representative samples. The limit of 10 % shall not be exceeded during transshipment, landing, transportation, storage, display or sale.
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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in Annex 5 Pt. A table footnote substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1312\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(34)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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(1) For the purposes of this Annex:

- the Kattegat is limited in the north by a line drawn from Skagen Lighthouse to the lighthouse in Tistlarna, and from there to the nearest point on the Swedish coast, and in the south by a line drawn from Hasenøre Head to Gniben Point, from Korshage to Spodsbjerg, and from Gilbjerg Head to the Kullen,
- the Skagerrak is limited in the west by a line drawn from the lighthouse of Hanstholm to the lighthouse of Lindesnes, and in the south by a line drawn from Skagen Lighthouse to the lighthouse of Tistlarna, and from there to the nearest point on the Swedish coast,
- the North Sea shall comprise ICES sub-area 4, the adjacent part of ICES Division 2a lying south of latitude 64° N, and that part of ICES Division 3a which is not covered by the definition of Skagerrak given in the second indent.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulation applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2023/959 reg. 4\(a\)Sch. 1](#)

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

- Annex 4 para. 10 inserted by [S.I. 2024/439 reg. 8\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Art.006(51) semicolon substituted for full stop by [S.I. 2023/1054 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 6(52)-(55) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1054 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)