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ANNEX VII

SOUTH WESTERN WATERS

PART B

Mesh sizes

1. Baseline mesh sizes for towed gear
 - 1.1. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a mesh size of at least 70 mm^{(1)MIF1}...

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 1.1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1312\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(36)(b)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

- M1** For directed fishing for Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*), a square mesh panel of at least 100 mm or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted when fishing in ICES [division 8d]. For directed fishing for sole with beam trawls, a panel with a mesh size of at least 180 mm fitted in the upper half of the anterior part of the net shall be fitted. [Editorial note: Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 1.1 footnote substituted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1312\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(36)(b)(iii)(cc)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)]

- 1.2. Without prejudice to the landing obligation and notwithstanding point 2.1, vessels may use smaller mesh sizes as listed in the following table for South Western waters provided that:
 - (i) the associated conditions set out in that table are complied with, and by-catches of hake do not exceed 20 % of the total catch in live weight of all marine biological resources landed after each fishing trip; or
 - (ii) other selectivity modifications are used which have been [^{F2}approved by a fisheries administration following scientific assessment and approval]. Those selectivity modifications shall result in the same or better selectivity characteristics for hake as that of 70 mm^{F3}....

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 1.2(ii) 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(36)(b)(ii)(aa)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 1.2(ii) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1312\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(36)(b)(ii)(bb)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Mesh Size	Geographical Areas	Conditions
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At least 55mm	Whole area F4 ...	Directed fishing for species not subject to catch limits and which are not covered elsewhere in the table Directed fishing for red sea bream Directed fishing for mackerel, horse mackerel and blue whiting with bottom trawls
At least 35mm	Whole area	Directed fishing for wedge sole
F5 ...	F5 ...	F5 ...
At least 16 mm	Whole area	Directed fishing for small pelagic species which are not covered elsewhere in the table Directed fishing for shrimps (<i>Palaemon serratus</i> , <i>Crangon crangon</i>), and crab (<i>Polybius henslowi</i>)
Less than 16 mm	Whole area	Directed fishing for sandeel

Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1312\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(36)(b)(iii)(aa)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 1 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1312\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(36)(b)(iii)(bb)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

2. Baseline mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets
- 2.1. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, vessels shall use a mesh size of at least 100 mm^{(2)F6}...

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 2.1 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1312\)](#), regs. 1(3), **5(36)(b)(iv)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

- 2.2. Without prejudice to the landing obligation, and notwithstanding point 2.1, vessels may use smaller mesh sizes as listed in the following table for the South Western waters provided that the associated conditions set out in that table are complied with, and by-catches of hake do not exceed 20 % of the total catch in live weight of all marine biological resources landed after each fishing trip.

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Mesh Size	Geographical Areas	Conditions
At least 80 mm	Whole area F7 ...	Directed fishing for sea bass, whiting, turbot, flounder and pollack
At least 60 mm	Whole area	Directed fishing for species not subject to catch limits and which are not covered elsewhere in the table
At least 50 mm	Whole area	Directed fishing for small pelagic species ^a which are not covered elsewhere in the table
At least 40 mm	Whole area	Directed fishing for red mullet, shrimps (<i>Penaeus</i> spp.), mantis shrimp, wedge sole and wrasse

a A mesh size of less than 40 mm may be used for sardines.

Textual Amendments

F7 Words in Annex 7 Pt. B point 2 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy and Animals \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1312), regs. 1(3), **5(36)(b)(v)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- (1) This provision is without prejudice to Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 494/2002.
- (2) For directed fishing for anglerfish a mesh size of at least 220 mm shall be used.

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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\(2\)\(b\)](#)