

Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 of 27 January 2020 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters

TITLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

F1 Article 1

Subject matter

Textual Amendments

- F1** [Art. 1](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(2)

Article 2

Scope

- 1 This Regulation applies to the following vessels:
 - a [^{F2}United Kingdom] fishing vessels;
 - b third-country vessels in [^{F2}United Kingdom] waters.
- 2 This Regulation also applies to recreational fisheries where such fisheries are expressly referred to in its relevant provisions.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in [Art. 2\(1\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), 7(3)

Article 3

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions set out in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 apply. In addition, the following definitions apply:

- (a) ‘third-country vessel’ means a fishing vessel flying the flag of, and registered in, a third country;
- (b) ‘recreational fisheries’ means non-commercial fishing activities exploiting marine biological resources such as recreation, tourism or sport;

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- (c) ‘international waters’ means waters falling outside the sovereignty or jurisdiction of any State;
- (d) F3
- (e) F3
- (f) F3
- (g) ‘mesh size’ means the mesh size of fishing nets as defined in point (34) of Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾;
- (h) F4
- (i) F4
- (j) [^{F5}‘instrumented buoy’ means a buoy clearly marked with a unique reference number allowing identification of its owner and equipped with a satellite tracking system to monitor its position;
- (k) ‘operational buoy’ means any instrumented buoy, previously activated, switched on and deployed at sea on a drifting FAD or log, which transmits positions and any other available information such as echo-sounder estimates.]

Textual Amendments

F3 Arts. 3(d)-(f) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(4)(a)**

F4 Art. 3(h)(i) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Fisheries Policy \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1542\)](#), regs. 1(3), **7(4)(b)**

F5 Inserted by [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2020/900 of 25 June 2020 amending Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation \(EU\) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters.](#)

Article 4

Fishing zones

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following zone definitions apply:

- (a) ICES (International Council for the Exploration of the Sea) zones are the geographical areas specified in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 218/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾;
- (b) F6
- (c) F6
- (d) F6
- (e) F6
- (f) F6
- (g) F6
- (h) F6

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- (i) F6
- (j) F6
- (k) F6
- (l) F6
- (m) F6
- (n) ‘ICCAT Convention Area’ is the geographical area defined in the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas⁽³⁾;
- (o) F7
- (p) F7
- (q) F7
- (r) F7
- (s) F7
- (t) F7
- (u) F7
- (v) F7

Textual Amendments

- F6** Arts. 4(b)-(m) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(5)(a)**
- F7** Art. 4(o)(v) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1542), regs. 1(3), **7(5)(b)**

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- (1) Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1380/2013, (EU) 2016/1139, (EU) 2018/973, (EU) 2019/472 and (EU) 2019/1022 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005 ([OJ L 198, 25.7.2019, p. 105](#)).
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 218/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic ([OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 70](#)).
- (3) The Union acceded by Council Decision 86/238/EEC of 9 June 1986 on the accession of the Community to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, as amended by the Protocol annexed to the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Paris on 10 July 1984 ([OJ L 162, 18.6.1986, p. 33](#)).

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