

Regulation (EU) 2020/1781 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2020 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards fishing capacity reduction in the Baltic Sea, and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards permanent cessation of fishing activities for fleets fishing for Eastern Baltic cod, Western Baltic cod and Western Baltic herring

Article 2

Amendments to Regulation (EU) No 508/2014

Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 34 is amended as follows:
 - (a) in paragraph 2, the following subparagraph is added:

However, in the case of Eastern Baltic cod as referred to in point (b) of Article 1(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and the Council⁽¹⁾, the two calendar years referred to in points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be 2017 and 2018.;
 - (b) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

4. Support under this Article may be granted until 31 December 2017, unless permanent cessation measures are adopted in order to achieve the objectives of the following multiannual plans:

 - a the multiannual plan for the conservation and sustainable exploitation of demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea, established by Regulation (EU) 2019/1022 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾;
 - b the multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, established by Regulation (EU) 2016/1139, with regard to vessels that have targeted Eastern Baltic cod, Western Baltic cod or Western Baltic herring as set out in Article 8a of Regulation (EU) 2016/1139.;
 - (c) paragraph 4a is replaced by the following:

4a. Expenditure related to the permanent cessation measures adopted in order to achieve the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2019/1022 shall be eligible for support under the EMFF from 16 July 2019.

Expenditure related to the permanent cessation measures adopted in order to achieve the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2016/1139, in particular Article 8a thereof, shall be eligible for support under the EMFF from 1 December 2020.;
 - (d) in paragraph 6, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

6. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, support may be granted for the permanent cessation of fishing activities without scrapping provided that the vessels retrofit for activities other than commercial fishing. That derogation shall not apply to support granted under paragraph 4, point (b).;

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2020/1781 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 2. (See end of Document for details)

- (2) in Article 114, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
1. By 31 May 2016, and by 31 May of each subsequent year up to and including 2024, Member States shall submit to the Commission an annual report on the implementation of the operational programme in the previous calendar year. The report submitted in 2016 shall cover the calendar years 2014 and 2015..

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2020/1781 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 2. (See end of Document for details)

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007 ([OJ L 191, 15.7.2016, p. 1](#)).²;
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2019/1022 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 establishing a multiannual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea and amending Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 ([OJ L 172, 26.6.2019, p. 1](#)).²;

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2020/1781 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 2.