STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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## The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 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

**2.**—(1) Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 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(1) is amended as follows.

- (2) In Article 10 (measures on European seabass fisheries)-
  - (a) in paragraph 2—
    - (i) in point (a) for "760 kilogrammes in any two consecutive months" substitute "3.8 tonnes per vessel per calendar year",
    - (ii) in point (b) for "760 kilogrammes in any two consecutive months" substitute "3.8 tonnes per vessel per calendar year",
    - (iii) in point (c) for "5.95 tonnes per vessel per year" substitute "6.2 tonnes per vessel per calendar year", and
    - (iv) in point (d) for "1.5 tonnes per vessel per year" substitute "1.6 tonnes per vessel per calendar year";
  - (b) in paragraph 3, omit the words from "and, where a monthly limit applies" to the end;
  - (c) in paragraph 5—
    - (i) in point (a)—
      - (aa) for "January" substitute "February",
      - (bb) for "February" substitute "March", and
      - (cc) omit "and during December";
    - (ii) in point (b)—
      - (aa) after "during" insert "January and during",
      - (bb) for "March" substitute "April", and
      - (cc) for "November" substitute "December".
- (3) In A rticle 16 (prohibited species)—
  - (a) in paragraph 1—
    - (i) in point (n) after "(Squalus acanthias)" insert "greater than 100cm in length",
    - (ii) at the end of point (o), for the full stop substitute a semicolon, and
    - (iii) after point (o) insert—

<sup>(1)</sup> EUR 2020/123, as amended by paragraph 14 of Schedule 11 to the Fisheries Act 2020 and S.I. 2020/1542, 2021/698, 2021/1429 and 2022/498. See Article 3 for the definition of "international waters" and Article 4 for the definition of "ICCAT Convention Area".

- "(p) shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) in United Kingdom waters and international waters of the ICCAT Convention Area.";
- (b) after paragraph 2 insert—

"3. In point (n) of paragraph 1, "length" is measured in accordance with paragraph 1 (and figure 1) of Annex 4 to Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures(2)."

<sup>(2)</sup> EUR 2019/1241, amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 11 to the Fisheries Act 2020, S.I. 2019/1312 and 2021/1429. S.I. 2019/1312 came into force on IP completion day by virtue of paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 5 to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1) and was amended before it came into force by S.I. 2020/1542.