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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 105(1), (2) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Fishing quotas for the year 2017 have been established by:
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1903<sup>(2)</sup>,
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2016/2285<sup>(3)</sup>,
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2016/2372<sup>(4)</sup>, and
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2017/127<sup>(5)</sup>.
- (2) Fishing quotas for the year 2018 have been established by:
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2016/2285,
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1970<sup>(6)</sup>,
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2360<sup>(7)</sup>, and
  - Council Regulation (EU) 2018/120<sup>(8)</sup>.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 105(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, when the Commission has established that a Member State has exceeded the fishing quotas which have been allocated to it, the Commission is to operate deductions from future fishing quotas of that Member State.
- (4) Article 105(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 provides that such deductions have to be operated in the following year or years by applying the respective multiplying factors as set out therein.

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- (5) Certain Member States have exceeded their fishing quotas for the year 2017. It is therefore appropriate to operate deductions on the fishing quotas allocated to them in 2018 and, where relevant, in subsequent years, for the overfished stocks.
- (6) In 2016, Spain overfished its quota for albacore in the Atlantic Ocean, North of 5° N (ALB/AN05N). At the request of Spain, the corresponding deduction was equally spread over two years (2017 and 2018). By Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2309<sup>(9)</sup>, the first half of the deduction, namely 1 134,677 tonnes, was operated on the 2017 Spanish quota. For 2018, the Spanish initial quota for northern albacore in the Atlantic Ocean, North of 5° N (ALB/AN05N), as fixed by Regulation (EU) 2018/120, already reflected a deduction of 945,560 tonnes. Therefore, a remaining quantity of 189,117 tonnes should be deducted from the Spanish 2018 quota.
- (7) Deductions from fishing quotas, as provided for by this Regulation, should apply without prejudice to deductions applicable to 2018 quotas pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 185/2013<sup>(10)</sup>.
- (8) Since quotas are expressed in tonnes, overfishing involving quantities of less than 1 tonne should not be considered,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1 The fishing quotas fixed in Regulations (EU) 2016/2285, (EU) No 2017/1970, (EU) 2017/2360 and (EU) 2018/120 for the year 2018 shall be reduced as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

2 Paragraph 1 shall apply without prejudice to deductions provided for in Implementing Regulation (EU) No 185/2013.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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<sup>F1</sup> ANNEX

DEDUCTIONS FROM 2018 FISHING QUOTAS

Textual Amendments

**F1** Substituted by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/479 of 22 March 2019 operating deductions from fishing quotas available for certain stocks in 2018 on account of overfishing of other stocks in the previous years and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1969.

Member State	Species code	Area code	Species name	Area name	Initial quota 2017 (in kilograms)	Permitted landings 2017 (in kilograms)	Total Quota 2017 (quantity permitted in kilograms) <sup>a</sup>	Over-quota consumption 2017 (quantity in kilograms)	Over-quota consumption as a percentage of total quota	Multiplying factor	Multiplying factor	Quota from previous year (in kilograms)	Quota from 2018 (in kilograms)	Deductions from 2018 fishing quotas (quantity in kilograms)	Deductions from alternative stocks <sup>g</sup> (quantity in kilograms)	Deductions from alternative stocks <sup>g</sup> (quantity in kilograms)
BE	RJU	07D	Undulay	Union of VIIId	2 000	5 648	282,400	40 %	1,00	/	/	3 648	1 031	/	2 617	
BE	SRX	07D	Skates and rays	Union of VIIId	96 000	95 353	104,734	4 %	/	/	/	4 342	4 342	/	/	
BE	SRX	67AK	Skates and rays	Union of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k	762 000	907 333	101,323	12 %	/	/	/	12 233	12 233	/	/	

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DK	MAC2A34	Mackeral	Hel and IV; Union waters of IIa, IIIb, IIIc and Subdivisions 22-32	22 031	17 525 756	17 992 741	102,640 985	640 985	/	/	/	466 985	466 985	/	/
DK	MAC2A4N	Mackeral	Norwegian waters of IIa and IVa	14 004	14 538 090	14 801 414	101,820 324	820 324	/	/	/	263 324	263 324	/	/
DK	MAC2CX1	Mackerel	Hel VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; Union and international waters of Vb; international waters of IIa, XII and XIV	/	5 341 916	5 342 930	100,02 014	02 % 014	/	/	/	1 014	1 014 <sup>1</sup>	/	/
DK	NOP04-N	Norway pout and associated by-catches	Norwegian waters of IV	0	16 298	N/A	16 298	1,00 A	/	/	/	24 447	24 447	/	/
DK	OTH1N2A	Other species	Norwegian waters of I and II	0	9 979	N/A	9 979	1,00 A	/	/	/	9 979	9 979	/	/
DK	POK1N2A	Other species	Norwegian waters of I and II	0	9 508	N/A	9 508	1,00 A	/	/	/	9 508	9 508	/	/

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ES	ALB	AN05	North Atlantic albacore	North Atlantic north of 5° N	13 981 130	13 961 453	13 940 306	99,85 % 21 147 <sup>j</sup>	/	/	189 117 <sup>k</sup>	189 117	189 117	/	/	
ES	GHL	1N2A	Greenland halibut	Norwegian waters of I and II	19 200	36 090	187,97 % 890	1,00	A	/	25 335	/	25 335	/	/	
ES	GHL	N3LM	Monkfish halibut	Norwegian waters of I and II	4 067 000	4 061 001	100,28 % 228	/	C <sup>i</sup>	/	11 228	11 228	/	/	/	
ES	POK	1N2A	Greenland halibut	Norwegian waters of I and II	86 500	88 150	101,91 % 650	/	/	/	1 650	/	1 650	/	/	
ES	YFT	IOTC	Yellowfin tuna	IOTC Area of Competence	45 682 000	48 682 147 520	105,40 % 465 520	/	/	/	2 465 520	327 060	/	2 138 460	/	/
FR	GHL	1N2A	Greenland halibut	Norwegian waters of I and II	0	6 868	N/A 6 868	1,00	/	/	6 868	/	6 868	/	/	
FR	YFT	IOTC	Yellowfin tuna	IOTC Area of Competence	29 501 000	29 651 960 730	101,04 % 730	/	/	/	309 730	309 730	/	/	/	
IE	HKE	8ABD	Deep-sea fish	VIIIa/ VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe	0	1 300	N/A 1 300	1,00	C <sup>i</sup>	/	1 300	/	1 300	/	/	
IE	MAC	2CX	Mackerel	VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; Union and international waters of	86 426 000	86 319 537	86 520 982	100,23 % 445	/	/	/	201 445	201 445	/	/	

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				Vb; international waters of IIa, XII and XIV													
NL	WHC56-14	Whiting	Union and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV	0	18 648	N/ A	18 648	1,00	/	/	18 648	/	18 648	/			
PL	COD3BC +24	Cod	Subdivisions 22-24000	15 170	947 501	103,532%	331	/	C <sup>i</sup>	/	32 331	0	/	32 331	/		
PT	ALB AN05	North Atlantic albacore	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	2 13 800	2 332 564 017	109,923%	217	/	/	/	231 217	231 217	/	/			
PT	ALF 3X14	Alfonso	Union and international waters of III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIV	82 000	182 626	185 582	101,62 %	956	/	/	2 956	2 956	/	/			
PT	ANE 9/341	Anchovy	Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	6 522 000	8 992 936	9 141 377	101,654%	441	/	/	148 441	148 441	/	/			

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PT	BUMATLANTIC	Atlantic marlin	52 320	51 259	56 271	109,78 012	% /	/	/	/	5 012	5 012	/	/
PT	LEZ 8C34	Megrim IX and X; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	36 000	139 400	142 316	102,09 916	% /	/	/	/	2 916	2 916	/	/
PT	SBR 09-	Red seabream	37 000	72 027	75 905	105,38 878	% /	/	/	/	3 878	3 878	/	/
PT	SRX 89- C.	Skate and rays	1 156 000	132 824	1 211 808	106,978 984	% /	/	/	/	78 984	78 984	/	/
PT	SWOANOS	Sworfish Atlantic Ocean North of 5° N	1 170 830	1 738 532	1 854 956	106,7016 424	% /	/	/	/	116 424	116 424	/	/
UK	MAC2CX	Mackerel VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; Union and international waters of Vb; international waters of IIa, XII and XIV	237 677 000	222 116 471	224 288 943	100,98 172 472	% /	A <sup>i</sup>	/	/	2 172 472	2 172 472	/	/

<sup>a</sup> Quotas available to a Member State pursuant to the relevant fishing opportunities Regulations after taking into account exchanges of fishing opportunities in accordance with Article 16(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22), quota transfers from 2016 to 2017 in accordance with Article 4(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 (OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3) and with Article 15(9) of Regulation

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(EU) No 1380/2013 or reallocation and deduction of fishing opportunities in accordance with Articles 37 and 105 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

- b** As set out in Article 105(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. Deduction equal to the overfishing \* 1,00 shall apply in all cases of overfishing equal to, or less than, 100 tonnes.
- c** As set out in Article 105(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 and provided that the extent of overfishing exceeds 10 %.
- d** Letter 'A' indicates that an additional multiplying factor of 1,5 has been applied due to consecutive overfishing in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Letter 'C' indicates that an additional multiplying factor of 1,5 has been applied as the stock is subject to a multiannual plan.
- e** Remaining quantities from previous year(s).
- f** Deductions to operate in 2018.
- g** Deductions to operate in 2018 that could be actually applied considering the available quota on 20 December 2018.
- h** Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/479 of 22 March 2019 operating deductions from fishing quotas available for certain stocks in 2018 on account of overfishing of other stocks in the previous years and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1969 (OJ L 82, 25.3.2019, p. 6).
- i** Additional multiplying factor not applicable because the overfishing does not exceed 10 % of the permitted landings.
- j** The deduction cannot be reduced by this unused quantity as article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 is not applicable to the ALB/AN05N stock.
- k** At Spain's request, the deduction of 2 269 354 kilos due in 2017 was equally spread over two years (2017 and 2018) by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2309. Since the 2018 initial quota for Spain as fixed by Regulation (EU) 2018/120 already reflects a deduction of 945 560 kilos, the remaining quantity to deduct amounts to 189 117 kilos.
- l** Despite not having initial quota for this overfished stock, Denmark concluded exchanges of fishing opportunities in accordance with Article 16(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 enabling deductions from the same stock.]



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- (1) [OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.](#)
- (2) Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1903 of 28 October 2016 fixing for 2017 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/72 ([OJ L 295, 29.10.2016, p. 1.](#)).
- (3) Council Regulation (EU) 2016/2285 of 12 December 2016 fixing for 2017 and 2018 the fishing opportunities for Union fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks and amending Council Regulation (EU) 2016/72 ([OJ L 344, 17.12.2016, p. 32.](#)).
- (4) Council Regulation (EU) 2016/2372 of 19 December 2016 fixing for 2017 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Black Sea ([OJ L 352, 23.12.2016, p. 26.](#)).
- (5) Council Regulation (EU) 2017/127 of 20 January 2017 fixing for 2017 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 ([OJ L 24, 28.1.2017, p. 1.](#)).
- (6) Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1970 of 27 October 2017 fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127 ([OJ L 281, 31.10.2017, p. 1.](#)).
- (7) Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2360 of 11 December 2017 fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Black Sea ([OJ L 337, 19.12.2017, p. 1.](#)).
- (8) Council Regulation (EU) 2018/120 of 23 January 2018 fixing for 2018 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, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127 ([OJ L 27, 31.1.2018, p. 1.](#)).
- (9) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2309 of 13 December 2017 operating deductions from fishing quotas available for certain stocks in 2017 on account of overfishing of other stocks in the previous years and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1345 ([OJ L 331, 14.12.2017, p. 23.](#)).
- (10) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 185/2013 of 5 March 2013 providing for deductions from certain fishing quotas allocated to Spain in 2013 and subsequent years on account of overfishing of a certain mackerel quota in 2009 ([OJ L 62, 6.3.2013, p. 1.](#)).

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