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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 15(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 aims to progressively eliminate discards in all Union fisheries through the introduction of a landing obligation.
- (2) Article 15(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 empowers the Commission to adopt discard plans by means of delegated acts for a period of no more than three years on the basis of joint recommendations developed by Member States in consultation with the relevant Advisory Councils.
- (3) Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Malta and Slovenia have a direct fisheries management interest in the Mediterranean Sea. On 4 and 7 July 2016 those Member States have submitted three joint recommendations to the Commission concerning discard plans for demersal fisheries in the Adriatic Sea, the south-eastern Mediterranean Sea and the western Mediterranean Sea, respectively<sup>(2)</sup>, after consultation of the Mediterranean Sea Advisory Council. Scientific contribution was obtained from relevant scientific bodies. In line with Article 18(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, only those measures in the joint recommendations which comply with Article 15(6) of that Regulation should be included in this Regulation.
- (4) As regards the Mediterranean Sea, Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 establishes a landing obligation for all catches of species which are subject to catch limits and also for catches of species which are subject to minimum sizes as defined in Annex III to Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006<sup>(3)</sup>. According to Article 15(1) (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the landing obligation should apply to species which define the fisheries at the latest from 1 January 2017.
- (5) The joint recommendations suggested that an exemption from the landing obligation be applied to common sole (*Solea solea*) in the Adriatic Sea and the mollusc bivalves scallop (*Pecten jacobaeus*), carpet clams (*Venerupis* spp.) and Venus shells (*Venus* spp.)

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in the western Mediterranean Sea, as high survival rates can occur, taking into account the characteristics of the gear, of the fishing practices and of the ecosystem.

- (6) The Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) concludes in its evaluation<sup>(4)</sup> that more studies are needed to corroborate the existing findings related to high survivability of the common sole, scallop, carpet clams and Venus shells. As there are no conclusive evidences on the survival rates of these species, the Commission considers that the survivability exemption allowed under Article 15(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 should be included in this Regulation for one year only. The Member States concerned should submit relevant data to the Commission to allow STECF to fully assess the justifications for the exemption and the Commission to review the relevant exemptions.
- (7) Based on the scientific evidences provided in the joint recommendation, the revision by the STECF and taking into account the characteristics of the gears, the high number of species in each fishing operations, the fishing patterns and the particularities of the Mediterranean Sea (e.g. predominance of small-scale fisheries), the Commission considers that, in order to avoid disproportionate costs of handling unwanted catches and in accordance with Article 15(5)(c)(ii) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, it is appropriate to establish a *de minimis* exemption in accordance with the percentage level proposed in the joint recommendations, within the limits set out in Article 15(5)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.
- (8) In order to ensure appropriate control, specific requirements for the Member States to establish lists of vessels covered by this Regulation should be laid down.
- (9) Since the measures provided for in this Regulation have a direct impact on the economic activities linked to and the planning of the fishing season of Union vessels, this Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication. In accordance with the joint recommendations and taking into account the time-frame set out in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 2017,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

#### **Implementation of the landing obligation**

The landing obligation provided for in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall apply in the Mediterranean Sea to the fisheries as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

That landing obligation shall apply to the species referred to in that Annex when caught during fishing activities in Union waters or by Union fishing vessels outside the Union waters in waters not subject to third countries' sovereignty or jurisdiction.

## Article 2

### Definitions

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

- (a) ‘Mediterranean Sea’ means maritime waters of the Mediterranean to the east of line 5°36′ West;
- (b) ‘GFCM Geographical Sub-Areas’ (GSAs) means General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) Geographical Sub-Areas as defined in the Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(5)</sup>;
- (c) ‘<sup>F1</sup>Western Mediterranean Sea’ means GFCM Geographical Sub-Areas 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.1, 11.2 and 12;]
- (d) ‘Adriatic Sea’ means GFCM Geographical Sub-Areas 17 and 18;
- (e) ‘<sup>F2</sup>South-eastern Mediterranean Sea’ means GFCM geographical subareas 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2018/153 of 23 October 2017 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea.](#)
- F2** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/4 of 29 August 2019 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea.](#)

## <sup>F3</sup>Article 3

### Survivability exemption

1 The exemption from the landing obligation pursuant to Article 15(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 for species for which scientific evidence demonstrates high survival rates shall apply to:

- a common sole (*Solea solea*) caught with rapido (TBB)<sup>(6)</sup> in the Adriatic Sea until 31 December 2019;
- b scallop (*Pecten jacobaeus*) caught with mechanised dredges (HMD) in the Western Mediterranean Sea;
- c carpet clams (*Venerupis* spp.) caught with mechanised dredges (HMD) in the Western Mediterranean Sea;
- d Venus shells (*Venus* spp.) caught with mechanised dredges (HMD) in the Western Mediterranean Sea;
- e Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) caught with all bottom trawls (OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX) in the Western Mediterranean Sea, in the Adriatic Sea and in the South-eastern Mediterranean Sea;
- f Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) caught with pots and traps (FPO, FIX), in the Western Mediterranean, in the Adriatic Sea and in the South-eastern Mediterranean until 31 December 2019;

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- [<sup>F2</sup>g red sea bream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) caught with hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX) in the western Mediterranean Sea;
- h lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) caught with nets (GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN) and with pots and traps (FPO, FIX) in the western Mediterranean Sea, in the Adriatic Sea and in the south-eastern Mediterranean Sea;
- i crawfish (Palinuridae) caught with nets (GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN) and with pots and traps (FPO, FIX) in the western Mediterranean Sea, in the Adriatic Sea and in the south-eastern Mediterranean Sea.]
- 2 Common sole (*Solea solea*), scallop (*Pecten jacobaeus*), carpet clams (*Venerupis* spp.), Venus shells (*Venus* spp.), Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*), red sea bream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) and crawfish (*Palinuridae*) caught in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 1 shall be released immediately in the area where they have been caught.
- 3 By 1 May 2019, the Member States having a direct management interest in the fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea shall submit to the Commission additional discard data to those provided in the joint recommendations of June 2018 as amended in August 2018, and any other relevant scientific information supporting the exemption laid down in paragraphs 1(a), 1(f), 1(g), 1(h) and 1(i). The Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) shall assess those data and that information by July 2019 at the latest.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/4 of 29 August 2019 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea](#).
- F3** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2018/2036 of 18 October 2018 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea](#).

### [<sup>F3</sup>Article 4

#### *De minimis* exemption

- 1 By way of derogation from Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, the following quantities of species may be discarded pursuant to Article 15(4)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013:
- a in the Western Mediterranean Sea (point 1 of the Annex):
- (i) for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and mullets (*Mullus* spp.), up to a maximum of 6 % for 2019 and 2020 and up to a maximum of 5 % in 2021 of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using bottom trawls;
  - (ii) for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and mullets (*Mullus* spp.), up to a maximum of 1 % of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using gillnets and trammel nets;
  - (iii) [<sup>F2</sup>for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus* spp.), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), common

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pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*), gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*) and deep-water rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*), up to a maximum of 5 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using bottom trawls;

- (iv) for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*) and gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), up to a maximum of 3 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using gillnets and trammel nets;

- (v) for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*) and gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), up to a maximum of 1 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using hooks and lines;

- (vi) for anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*), sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*), mackerel (*Scomber spp.*) and horse mackerel (*Trachurus spp.*), up to a maximum of 5 % of the total annual by-catches of those species by vessels using bottom trawls;]

b in the Adriatic Sea (point 2 of the Annex):

- (i) for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and mullets (*Mullus spp.*), up to a maximum of 6 % in 2019 and 2020 and up to a maximum of 5 % in 2021 of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using bottom trawls;
- (ii) for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and mullets (*Mullus spp.*), up to a maximum of 1 % of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using gillnets and trammel nets;
- (iii) for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and mullets (*Mullus spp.*), up to a maximum of 1 % of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using rapido (TBB);
- (iv) for common sole (*Solea solea*), up to 3 % of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using bottom trawls;
- (v) [F<sup>2</sup> for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*) and deep-water rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*), up to a maximum of 5 %

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of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using bottom trawls;

- (vi) for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*) and gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), up to a maximum of 3 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using gillnets and trammel nets;
- (vii) for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*) and gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), up to a maximum of 1 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using hooks and lines;
- (viii) for anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*), sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*), mackerel (*Scomber spp.*) and horse mackerel (*Trachurus spp.*), up to a maximum of 5 % of the total annual by-catches of those species by vessels using bottom trawls;]
- c in the South-eastern Mediterranean Sea (point 3 of the Annex):
  - (i) for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and mullets (*Mullus spp.*), up to a maximum of 6 % for 2019 and 2020 and up to a maximum of 5 % in 2021 of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using bottom trawls;
  - (ii) for hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and mullets (*Mullus spp.*), up to a maximum of 1 % of the total annual catches of those species by vessels using gillnets and trammel nets;
  - (iii) for deep-water rose shrimp (*Parapenaeus longirostris*), up to a maximum of 6 % for 2019 and 2020 and up to a maximum of 5 % for 2021 of the total annual catches of that species by vessels using bottom trawls;
  - (iv) [<sup>F2</sup>for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*) and gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), up to a maximum of 5 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using bottom trawls;
  - (v) for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), common

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pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*) and gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), up to a maximum of 3 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using gillnets and trammel nets;

(vi) for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), common sole (*Solea solea*), hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) and gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), up to a maximum of 1 % of the total annual catches of those species made by vessels using hooks and lines;

(vii) for anchovy (*Engraulis encrasicolus*), sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*), mackerel (*Scomber spp.*) and horse mackerel (*Trachurus spp.*), up to a maximum of 5 % of the total annual by-catches of those species by vessels using bottom trawls.]

2 By 1 May 2019, the Member States having a direct management interest in the fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea shall submit to the Commission additional discard data to those provided in the joint recommendations of June 2018 as amended in August 2018 and any other relevant scientific information supporting the exemptions laid down in paragraphs 1(a)(iii) to (vi), 1(b)(v) to (viii) and 1(c)(iv) to (vii). The STECF shall assess those data and that information by July 2019 at the latest.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/4 of 29 August 2019 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea](#).
- F3** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2018/2036 of 18 October 2018 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea](#).

#### Article 5

##### List of vessels

1 The Member States concerned shall determine, in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Annex, the vessels subject to the landing obligation for each particular fishery.

2 By 31 December 2016, the Member States concerned shall submit to the Commission and to the other Member States, using the secure Union control website, the lists of all vessels targeting hake, red mullet, common sole and deep-water rose shrimp. They shall keep those lists updated.

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## Article 6

### Entry into force and application

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

[<sup>F3</sup>It shall apply from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2021.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2018/2036 of 18 October 2018 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea](#).

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



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## I<sup>F3</sup> ANNEX

### 1. Western Mediterranean Sea

Fisheries	Gear code	Fishing gear description	Landing obligation
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sur and Red Mulletts ( <i>Mullus</i> spp) FAO codes: MUT, MUR, MUX Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> ) Deep water rose shrimp ( <i>Parapaneus longirostris</i> ) Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ) Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ) Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ) Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ) Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream ( <i>Sparus aurata</i> ) By-catches of: European anchovy	OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX	All bottom trawls	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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( <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> ) European sardine ( <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> ) Mackerel ( <i>Scomber</i> spp.) Horse mackerel ( <i>Trachurus</i> spp.)			
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sur and Red Mulletts ( <i>Mullus</i> spp.) FAO codes: <i>MUT</i> , <i>MUR</i> , <i>MUX</i> Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ) Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ) Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ) Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ) Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream ( <i>Sparus aurata</i> )	LL, LLS, LLD, LX, LTL, LHP, LHM	All long lines	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sur and Red Mulletts ( <i>Mullus</i> spp.) FAO codes: MUT, MUR, MUX Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> ) Crawfish ( <i>Palinuridae</i> ) Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ) Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ) Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ) Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ) Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream ( <i>Sparus aurata</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All trammel nets and gill nets	All catches are subject to the landing obligation
Scallop ( <i>Pecten jacobaeus</i> ) Carpet clams ( <i>Venerupis</i> spp.) Venus shells ( <i>Venus</i> spp.)	HMD	All mechanised dredges	All catches are subject to the landing obligation
Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	FPO, FIX	All pots and traps	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> ) Crawfish ( <i>Palinuridae</i> )			
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## 2. Adriatic Sea

Fisheries	Gear code	Fishing gear description	Landing obligation
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sur and Red Mulletts ( <i>Mullus</i> spp.) FAO codes: <i>MUT</i> , <i>MUR</i> , <i>MUX</i> Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> ) Deep water rose shrimp ( <i>Parapaneus longirostris</i> ) Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ) Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ), Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ), Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ), Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> )	OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX	All bottom trawls	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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Gilt-head sea bream <i>(Sparus aurata)</i> By-catches of: European anchovy <i>(Engraulis encrasicolus)</i> European sardine <i>(Sardina pilchardus)</i> Mackerel <i>(Scomber spp.)</i> Horse mackerel <i>(Trachurus spp.)</i>			
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sea bass <i>(Dicentrarchus labrax)</i> Annular sea bream <i>(Diplodus annularis)</i> Sharpsnout sea bream <i>(Diplodus puntazzo)</i> White sea bream <i>(Diplodus sargus)</i> , Two-banded sea bream <i>(Diplodus vulgaris)</i> Groupers <i>(Epinephelus spp.)</i> Stripped sea bream <i>(Lithognathus mormyrus)</i> Spanish sea bream <i>(Pagellus acarne)</i> , Red sea bream <i>(Pagellus bogaraveo)</i> , Common pandora <i>(Pagellus erythrinus)</i> Common sea bream <i>(Pagrus pagrus)</i> Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream <i>(Sparus aurata)</i>	LL, LLS, LLD, LX, LTL, LHP, LHM	All long lines	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sur and Red Mulletts ( <i>Mullus</i> spp.) FAO codes: MUT, MUR, MUX Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> ) Crawfish ( <i>Palinuridae</i> ) Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ), Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ), White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ), Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ), Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ), Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ), Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream ( <i>Sparus aurata</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All trammel nets and gill nets	All catches are subject to the landing obligation
Scallop ( <i>Pecten jacobaeus</i> ) Carpet clams ( <i>Venerupis</i> spp.) Venus shells ( <i>Venus</i> spp.)	HMD	All mechanised dredges	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> ) Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> ) Crawfish ( <i>Palinuridae</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ), Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ), Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ), Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ), Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ), White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ), Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> )	FPO, FIX, FYK	All pots and traps, fyke nets	All catches are subject to the landing obligation
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### 3. South-eastern Mediterranean Sea

Fisheries	Gear code	Fishing gear description	Landing obligation
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sur and Red Mulletts ( <i>Mullus</i> spp.) FAO codes: MUT, MUR, MUX Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> ) Deep water rose shrimp ( <i>Parapaneus longirostris</i> ) Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ) Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> )	OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX	All bottom trawls	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ), Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ), Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream ( <i>Sparus aurata</i> ) By-catches of: European anchovy ( <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i> ) European sardine ( <i>Sardina pilchardus</i> ) Mackerel ( <i>Scomber spp.</i> ) Horse mackerel ( <i>Trachurus spp.</i> )			
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ), Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ),	LL, LLS, LLD, LX, LTL, LHP, LHM	All long lines	All catches are subject to the landing obligation



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Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ), Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ), Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream ( <i>Sparus aurata</i> )			
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> ) Sur and Red Mulletts ( <i>Mullus</i> spp.) FAO codes: MUT, MUR, MUX Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> ) Crawfish ( <i>Palinuridae</i> ) Sea bass ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ) Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ), Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> ) Groupers ( <i>Epinephelus</i> spp.) Stripped sea bream ( <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All trammel nets and gill nets	All catches are subject to the landing obligation

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Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ), Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ), Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Wreckfish ( <i>Polyprion americanus</i> ) Common sole ( <i>Solea vulgaris</i> ) Gilt-head sea bream ( <i>Sparus aurata</i> )			
Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> ) Lobster ( <i>Homarus gammarus</i> ) Crawfish ( <i>Palinuridae</i> ) Spanish sea bream ( <i>Pagellus acarne</i> ), Red sea bream ( <i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i> ), Common pandora ( <i>Pagellus erythrinus</i> ) Common sea bream ( <i>Pagrus pagrus</i> ) Annular sea bream ( <i>Diplodus annularis</i> ) Sharpsnout sea bream ( <i>Diplodus puntazzo</i> ) White sea bream ( <i>Diplodus sargus</i> ), Two-banded sea bream ( <i>Diplodus vulgaris</i> )	FPO, FIX, FYK	All pots and traps, fyke nets	All catches are subject to the landing obligation]

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- (1) [OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22.](#)
- (2) (i) Discard Plan for Demersal Fisheries in the Adriatic Sea (GSAs 17 and 18) — Joint Recommendation by the Adriatica High-Level Group (Croatia, Italia and Slovenia); (ii) Discard Plan for Demersal Fisheries in the South-Eastern Mediterranean Sea (GSAs 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25) — Joint Recommendation by the Sudestmed High-Level Group (Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Malta); and (iii) Discard Plan for Demersal Fisheries in the Western Mediterranean Sea (GSAs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) — Joint Recommendation by the Pescamed High-Level Group (France, Italy and Spain).
- (3) Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 of 21 December 2006 concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1626/94 ([OJ L 409, 30.12.2006, p. 11](#)).
- (4) Reports of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) — Evaluation of the landing obligation joint recommendations (STECF-16-10). 2016. Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, EUR 27758 EN, JRC Scientific and Policy Report, 104 pp. Available at <https://bookshop.europa.eu/en/reports-of-the-scientific-technical-and-economic-committee-for-fisheries-stecf--pblBAX16010/?CatalogCategoryID=0A4KABsty0gAAAEjqJEY4e5L>
- (5) Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea ([OJ L 347, 30.12.2011, p. 44](#)).
- (6) [<sup>F3</sup>Gear codes used in this Regulation refer to the codes in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 of 8 April 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy ([OJ L 122, 30.4.2011, p. 1](#)). For the vessels whose LOA is less than 10 metres, gear codes used in this Regulation refer to the codes from the FAO gear classification.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Substituted by [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2018/2036 of 18 October 2018 amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/86 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea.](#)

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