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# THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2018/120<sup>(1)</sup> fixes the fishing opportunities for 2018 for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters.
- (2) Certain reporting codes should be modified in order to allow for accurate reporting of catches. Certain references to the footnotes and their wording should be corrected.
- (3) In Regulation (EU) 2018/120, the total allowable catch (TAC) for sandeel in ICES divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4 was set at zero. Sandeel is a short-lived species and the relevant scientific advice becomes available in the second half of February, while fishing activities start in April.
- (4) The catch limits for sandeel in ICES divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4 should now be amended in line with the latest scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), issued on 23 February 2018.
- (5) For sandeel fisheries, ICES divisions 2a and 3a and ICES subarea 4 are divided into management areas, on the basis of scientific advice. Management area 3r is mainly located in Norwegian waters. However, it also includes Union waters, and some important fishing banks straddled across management areas 2r and 3r. ICES advice sets out that on average 8 % of catches in management area 3r are taken in Union waters. Catch limits for Union waters of management area 3r should be established in accordance with that advice.
- (6) The TAC for cod in ICES subarea 1 and division 2b should be amended to correctly reflect the fishing opportunities available for Union vessels in that area.
- (7) The maximum number of longliners allowed for Malta in the ICCAT Convention area that may be authorised to fish for, retain on board, tranship, transport, or land bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean should be amended, to take account of the increased number of vessels that are so authorised.
- (8) Regulation (EU) 2018/120 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(9) The catch limits provided for in Regulation (EU) 2018/120 apply from 1 January 2018. The provisions introduced by this Regulation concerning catch limits should therefore also apply from that date. Such retroactive application is without prejudice to the principles of legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations as the fishing opportunities concerned have not yet been exhausted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes IA, IB and IV to Regulation (EU) 2018/120 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2018.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 March 2018.

For the Council

The President

E. ZAHARIEVA

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#### **ANNEX**

- 1. Annex IA is amended as follows:
- (a) the fishing opportunities table for sandeel and associated by-catches in Union waters of 2a, 3a and 4 is replaced by the following:

'Species:		Sandeel and associated by- catches <i>Ammodytes</i> spp.		Union waters of 2a, 3a and 4 <sup>a</sup>
Denmark	19	95 875 <sup>b</sup>		
United Kingdon	m 4:	282 <sup>b</sup>		
Germany	30	)O <sub>p</sub>		
Sweden	7	193 <sup>b</sup>		
Union	20	07 650		
TAC	20	07 650		Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

a Excluding waters within six nautical miles of the UK baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula.

#### Special condition:

within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following sandeel management areas, as defined in Annex IID:

ZoneUnio	n waters of sai	ndeel manager	nent areas				
	1r	2r <sup>c</sup>	3r	4	5r	6	7r
	(SAN/234_	1RØSAN/234_	2RØSAN/234_	3R()SAN/234	4) (SAN/234_	5R()SAN/234_	6) (SAN/234_7)
Denmark	126 837	4 717	8 177	55 979	0	165	0
United Kingdom	2 772	103	179	1 224	0	4	0
Germany	194	7	13	86	0	0	0
Sweden	4 658	173	300	2 056	0	6	0
Union	134 461	5 000	8 669	59 345	0	175	0

c In management area 2r the TAC may only be fished as a monitoring TAC with an associated sampling protocol for the fishery.'

b Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and mackerel (OT1/\*2A3A4). By-catches of whiting and mackerel counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.

Total	134 461	5 000	8 669	59 345	0	175	0

c In management area 2r the TAC may only be fished as a monitoring TAC with an associated sampling protocol for the fishery.'

(b) the fishing opportunities table for greater silver smelt in Union waters of 3a and 4 is replaced by the following:

Species:	Greater silver smelt <i>Argentine</i>		Zone:	Union waters of 3a and 4(ARU/3A4- C)
Denmark		1 093		
Germany		11		
France		8		
Ireland		8		
The Netherlands		51		
Sweden		43		
United Kingdon	1	20		
Union		1 234		
TAC		1 234		Precautionary TAC

(c) the fishing oportunities table for tusk in 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Tusk <i>Brosme bi</i>	rosme	Zone:	3a(USK/03A.)
Denmark		15		
Sweden		8		
Germany		8		
Union		31		
TAC		31		Precautionary TAC Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

(d) the fishing opportunities table for tusk in Union and international waters of 5, 6 and 7 is replaced by the following:

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'Species:	TuskBrosme brosme		Zone:	Union and international waters of 5, 6 and 7(USK/567EI.)
Germany		17		
Spain		60		
France		705		
Ireland		68		
United Kingdom	1	340		
Others		17ª		
Union		1 207		
Norway		2 923 <sup>bcde</sup>		
TAC		4 130		Precautionary TAC Article 12(1) of this Regulation applies Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

- a Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.
- **b** To be fished in Union waters of 2a, 4, 5b, 6 and 7 (USK/\*24X7C).
- c Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per ship, at any moment, is authorised in 5b, 6 and 7. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in 5b, 6 and 7 shall not exceed the following amount, in tonnes (OTH/\*5B67-): 3 000. By-catch of cod under this provision in area 6a may not be more than 5 %.
- **d** Including ling. The following quotas for Norway shall only be fished with long-lines in 5b, 6 and 7:

Ling (LIN/*5B67-)	7 500
Tusk (USK/*5B67-)	2 923.

- e The tusk and ling quotas for Norway are interchangeable up to the following amount, in tonnes: 2 000.
- (e) the fishing opportunities table for haddock in 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus</i> aeglefinus		Zone:	3a(HAD/03A.)
Belgium		12		
Denmark		2 070		
Germany		132		
The Netherlands	3	2		

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Sweden	245	
Union	2 461	
TAC	2 569	Analytical TAC

(f) the fishing opportunities table for hake in 3a is replaced by the following:

'Species:	HakeMerluccius merluccius	Zone:	3a(HKE/03A.)
Denmark	2 890ª		
Sweden	246ª		
Union	3 136		
TAC	3 136 <sup>b</sup>		Analytical TAC Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

a Transfers of this quota may be effected to Union waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.

(g) the fishing opportunities table for blue whiting in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

'Species:	Blue whiting Micromesistius pout assou		Zone:	Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14(WHB/1X14)
Denmark		61 277ª		
Germany		23 825ª		
Spain		51 949 <sup>ab</sup>		
France	-	42 644ª		
Ireland		47 451ª		
The Netherlands	S	74 720ª		
Portugal		4 826 <sup>ab</sup>		

a Special condition: within a total access quantity of 21 500 tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/\*05-F.): 9,2 %.

**b** Within the following overall TAC for the northern stock of hake: 111 785.'

**b** Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.

c Special condition: from the EU quotas in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/\*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/\*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen: 227 975.'

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Sweden	15 158ª	
United Kingdom	79 513ª	
Union	401 363 <sup>ac</sup>	
Norway	110 000	
Faroe Islands	10 000	
TAC	Not relevant	Analytical TAC Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

a Special condition: within a total access quantity of 21 500 tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/\*05-F.): 9,2 %.

(h) the fishing opportunities table for blue ling in Union and international waters of 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Blue lingMolva	dypterygia	Zone:	Union and international waters of 3a(BLI/03A-)
Denmark		3		
Germany		2		
Sweden		3		
Union		8		
TAC		8		Precautionary TAC

(i) the fishing opportunities table for ling in Union waters of 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Ling <i>Molva mo</i>	lva	Zone:	Union waters of 3a(LIN/03A.)
Belgium		6		
Denmark		50		
Germany		6		
Sweden		19		
United Kingdon	1	6		

**b** Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.

c Special condition: from the EU quotas in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/\*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/\*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen: 227 975.'

Union	87	
TAC	87	Precautionary TAC

(j) the fishing opportunities table for ling in Union and international waters of 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

'Species:	Ling <i>Molva n</i>	nolva	Zone:	Union and international waters of 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14(LIN/6X14.)
Belgium		48ª		
Denmark		8ª		
Germany		173ª		
Spain		3 498		
France		3 730 <sup>a</sup>		
Ireland		935		
Portugal		8		
United Kingdo	om	4 296ª		
Union		12 696		
Norway		7 500 <sup>bcd</sup>		
Faroe Islands		200 <sup>ef</sup>		
TAC		20 396		Precautionary TAC Article 12(1) of this Regulation applies

a Special condition: not more than 15 % of this quota may be fished in Union waters of 4 (LIN/\*04-C.).

c Including tusk. The quotas for Norway shall only be fished with long-lines in 5b, 6 and 7, and they amount to:

Ling (LIN/*5B67-)	7 500
Tusk (USK/*5B67-)	2 923.

d The ling and tusk quotas for Norway are interchangeable up to the following amount, in tonnes: 2 000.

**b** Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 25 % per ship, at any moment, is authorised in 5b, 6 and 7. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in 5b, 6 and 7 shall not exceed the following amount, in tonnes (OTH/\*6X14.): 3 000. By-catch of cod under this provision in area 6a may not be more than 5 %.

e Including tusk. To be fished in 6b and 6a north of 56° 30′ N (LIN/\*6BAN.).

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- f Special condition: of which an incidental catch of other species of 20 % per ship, at any moment, is authorised in 6a and 6b. However, this percentage may be exceeded in the first 24 hours following the beginning of the fishing on a specific ground. The total incidental catch of other species in 6a and 6b shall not exceed the following amount, in tonnes (OTH/\*6AB.): 75.'
- (k) the fishing opportunities table for Norway lobster in 3a is replaced by the following:

Species:	Norway lobsterNephrops norvegicus	Zone:	3a(NEP/03A.)
Denmark	8 626		
Germany	25		
Sweden	3 087		
Union	11 738		
TAC	11 738		Analytical TAC Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies

- (l) in footnote 3 of the fishing opportunities table for skates and rays in Union waters of 6a, 6b, 7a-c and 7e-k the reporting code '(RJE/7FG)' is replaced by '(RJE/7FG.)';
- (m) the fishing opportunities table for common sole in 3a and Union waters of Subdivisions 22-24 is replaced by the following:

'Species:	Common soleSolea solea		Zone:	3a; Union waters of Subdivisions 22-24(SOL/3ABC24)
Denmark		376		
Germany		22ª		
The Netherlands		36ª		
Sweden		14		
Union		448		
TAC		448		Analytical TAC

a Quota may be fished in Union waters of 3a, Subdivisions 22-24 only.'

(n) the fishing opportunities table for horse mackerel and associated by-catches in Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d is replaced by the following:

'Species:	Horse mackerel and associated by-catches <i>Trachurus</i> spp.		Zone:	Union waters of 4b, 4c and 7d(JAX/4BC7D)
Belgium		14ª		
Denmark		5 985°		
Germany		529 <sup>ab</sup>		
Spain		111ª		
France		497 <sup>ab</sup>		
Ireland		376ª		
The Netherlands	S	3 604 <sup>ab</sup>		
Portugal		13ª		
Sweden		75ª		
United Kingdon	n	1 425 <sup>ab</sup>		
Union		12 629		
Norway		2 550°		
TAC		15 179		Precautionary TAC

Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel (OTH/\*4BC7D). By-catches of boarfish, haddock, whiting and mackerel counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.

# 2. Annex IB is amended as follows:

(a) the fishing opportunities table for cod in 1 and 2b is replaced by the following:

'Species:	CodGadus morhua		Zone:	1 and 2b(COD/1/2B.)
Germany		5 409°		
Spain		12 047°		
France		2 461°		

a Except Germany, Spain, France, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

**b** Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in division 7d may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the following zone: Union waters of 2a, 4a, 6, 7a-c, 7e-k, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; Union and international waters of 5b; international waters of 12 and 14 (JAX/\*2A-14).

c May be fished in Union waters of 4a but may not be fished in Union waters of 7d (JAX/\*04-C.).'

b The allocation of the share of the cod stock available to the Union in the zone Spitzbergen and Bear Island and the associated by-catches of haddock are entirely without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.

c By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14 % per haul. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the quota for cod.'

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Poland	2 359°	
Portugal	2 472°	
United Kingdom	3 552°	
Other Member States	390 <sup>ac</sup>	
Union	28 690 <sup>b</sup>	
TAC	Not relevant	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

- a Except Germany, Spain, France, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.
- b The allocation of the share of the cod stock available to the Union in the zone Spitzbergen and Bear Island and the associated by-catches of haddock are entirely without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.
- c By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14 % per haul. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the quota for cod.'
- (b) the fishing opportunities table for redfish (pelagic) in Greenland waters of NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14 is replaced by the following:

'Species:	Redfish (pelagic)Sebastes	Zone:	Greenland
	spp.		waters of

- a May only be fished from 10 May to 31 December.
- b May only be fished in Greenland waters within the Redfish Conservation Area bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	64° 45′ N	28° 30′ W
2	62° 50′ N	25° 45′ W
3	61° 55′ N	26° 45′ W
4	61° 00′ N	26° 30′ W
5	59° 00′ N	30° 00′ W
6	59° 00′ N	34° 00′ W
7	61° 30′ N	34° 00′ W
8	62° 50′ N	36° 00′ W
9	64° 45′ N	28° 30′ W

- c Special condition: this quota may also be fished in international waters of the Redfish Conservation Area mentioned above (RED/\*5-14P).
- **d** May only be fished in Greenland Waters of 5 and 14 (RED/\*514GN).'

		NAFO 1F and Greenland waters of 5, 12 and 14(RED/ N1G14P)
Germany	858 <sup>abc</sup>	
France	4 <sup>abc</sup>	
United Kingdom	6 <sup>abc</sup>	
Union	868 <sup>abc</sup>	
Norway	628 <sup>ab</sup>	
Faroe Islands	O <sub>apq</sub>	
TAC	Not relevant	Analytical TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

**a** May only be fished from 10 May to 31 December.

**b** May only be fished in Greenland waters within the Redfish Conservation Area bounded by the lines joining the following coordinates:

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c Special condition: this quota may also be fished in international waters of the Redfish Conservation Area mentioned above (RED/\*5-14P).

# 3. In Annex IV, point 4, table A is replaced by the following:

**d** May only be fished in Greenland Waters of 5 and 14 (RED/\*514GN).'

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### TABLE A

Number of fishing vessels <sup>a</sup>									
	Cyprusb	Greecec	Croatia	Italy	France	Spain	Maltad		
Purse Seiners	1	1	16	12	20	6	1		
Longliners	20e	0	0	30	8	31	54		
Baitboat	0	0	0	0	37	60	0		
Handline	0	0	12	0	33 <sup>f</sup>	2	0		
Trawler	0	0	0	0	57	0	0		
Other artisanal <sup>g</sup>	0	42	0	0	118	184	0		

- a The numbers shown in sections 1, 2 and 3 may decrease in order to comply with international obligations of the Union.
- **b** One medium size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels or one small purse seiner and no more than three longline vessels.
- c One medium size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels or one small size purse seine vessel and three other artisanal vessels.
- **d** One medium size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels.
- e Polyvalent vessels, using multi-gear equipment.
- f Line vessels operating in the Atlantic.
- **g** Polyvalent vessels, using multi-gear equipment (longline, handline, trolling line).

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(1) 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).

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## Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- Regulation revoked by 2023 c. 28 Sch. 1 Pt. 2