EUROPEAN
COMMISSION

Brussels, 25.9.2025
COM(2025) 523 final

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 concerning Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector

1. INTRODUCTION

Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] establishes a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy. It confers on the Commission the power to adopt delegated acts.

Article 4(1) of that Regulation empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts to establish the detailed list of data requirements to achieve the objectives set out in Articles 2 and 25 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the common fisheries policy[2], which forms part of the multiannual programme[3].

2. LEGAL BASIS

According to Article 24(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, the delegation to the Commission is conferred for a period of 3 years, starting from 10 July 2017. The delegation of power is tacitly extended for periods of 3 years, unless the European Parliament or the Council oppose such extension no later than 3 months before the end of each period.

In accordance with Article 24(2), the Commission is required to draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power no later than 9 months before the expiry of the duration of the empowerment. This report fulfils that obligation.

3. EXERCISE OF DELEGATION

The Commission did not use its delegated power in last three years 2022-2024, because Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167[4] of 27 April 2021 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socio-economic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors from 2022 is still in force and can accommodate evolving requirements thanks to its non-exhaustive character.

Although the multiannual programme does not contain an end date on which that programme will cease to apply or be valid, it may be revised in a foreseeable future to accommodate emerging needs for data, and to adapt its scope to changing fisheries profiles and policy requirements, in accordance with Better Regulation principles.

---

1 Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 (recast) (OJ L 157, 20.6.2017, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/1004/oj).

2 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 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22, , ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1380/oj).

3 Pursuant to Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, the other part of the multiannual programme is to be adopted by means of implementing acts.

4 Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167 of 27 April 2021 establishing the multiannual Union programme for the collection and management of biological, environmental, technical and socioeconomic data in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors from 2022 (OJ L 253, 16.7.2021, p. 51, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_del/2021/1167/oj).

The Commission thus sees the need to tacitly extend the duration of the empowerment as it may need to adopt subsequent delegated acts amending Delegated Decision (EU) 2021/1167.

The Commission invites the European Parliament and the Council to take note of this report.