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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2024/2739

of 17 October 2024

establishing a fisheries closure for Mediterranean albacore in the Mediterranean Sea for vessels flying the flag of Spain

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 ([1]), and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EU) 2024/257 ([2]) lays down quotas for 2024.

(2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock of Mediterranean albacore in the Mediterranean Sea by vessels flying the flag of or registered in Spain have exhausted the quota allocated for 2024.

(3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit certain fishing activities for that stock,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quota exhaustion

The fishing quota allocated for 2024 to Spain for the stock of Mediterranean albacore in the Mediterranean Sea referred to in the Annex shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

Article 2

Prohibitions

Fishing activities for the stock referred to in Article 1 by vessels flying the flag of or registered in Spain shall be prohibited from the date set out in the Annex. In particular it shall be prohibited to retain on board, relocate, tranship or land fish from that stock caught by those vessels after that date.

Article 3

Entry into force

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

([1]) OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.
([2]) Council Regulation (EU) 2024/257 of 10 January 2024 fixing for 2024, 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/194 (OJ L, 2024/257, 11.1.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/257/oj).

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

Done at Brussels, 17 October 2024.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ
Executive Vice-President

ANNEX

No	15/TQ257
Member State	Spain
Stock	ALB/MED (including ALB/MED-BC and ALB/MED-SR)
Species	Mediterranean Albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*)
Zone	Mediterranean Sea
Closing date	28 June 2024