COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2022/18

of 4 January 2022

establishing a fisheries closure for Northern albacore in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N for vessels flying the flag of France

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

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EU) 2021/92 ([2]) lays down quotas for 2021.

(2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock of Northern albacore in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N for vessels flying the flag of or registered in France have exhausted the quota allocated for 2021.

(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 2021 to France for the stock of Northern albacore in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N 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 France 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) 2021/92 of 28 January 2021 fixing for 2021 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 31, 29.1.2021, p. 31).

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

Done at Brussels, 4 January 2022.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

No	21/TQ92
Member State	France
Stock	ALB/AN05N
Species	Northern albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*)
Zone	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N
Closing date	8.12.2021