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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

laying down a Scheme of control and enforcement applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1) CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

- **Grounds for and objectives of the proposal**

This proposal seeks to update the Community rules transposing the Scheme of control and enforcement adopted by the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC).

- **General context**

The Convention on Future Multilateral co-operation in North East Atlantic Fisheries to which European Community is a Contracting Party aims to ensure the long term conservation and optimum utilisation of the fishery resources of the North East Atlantic area, providing sustainable, environmental and social benefits.

For the purpose of ensuring the application of this Convention and recommendations adopted by the North East Atlantic Commission (NEAFC), measures concerning control and enforcement relating to fisheries concerned may be adopted. The Scheme of control and enforcement applies to all vessels used or intended for use for fishing activities conducted on fishery resources in areas defined in the Convention.

NEAFC adopted during its 25th annual meeting in 2006 a new Scheme to improve the control and enforcement of its recommendations'. The main change is the merge of the former Scheme and the Program to promote compliance by non contracting Party vessels. The other change is the inclusion of a new Port State Control system which effectively closes European ports to landings of frozen fish, which have not been verified to be legal by the flag State of the foreign vessel. It provides new measures considering control of vessels engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fisheries. The new Port State Control Measures were last amended by a recommendation adopted by NEAFC at the 26th annual meeting.

These Recommendations came into force in May 2007, February 2008 and January 2009. They are binding on the Contracting Parties under the terms of the NEAFC Convention. The Community, as a Contracting Party, should consequently apply them.

These Recommendations were adopted with the full support of the Community in NEAFC. It is in the Community's interest therefore that they be introduced in Community law by means of the proposed regulation.

The measures necessary for the implementation of this proposed Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedure for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission.

- **Existing provisions in the area of the proposal**

Council Regulation (EC) No 2791/1999 of 16 December 1999 laying down certain control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future

multilateral cooperation in the north-east Atlantic fisheries implemented the first Scheme adopted by NEAFC in 1998. It should then be repealed in order to implement the updated Scheme adopted by NEAFC in 2006.

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1085/2000 of 15 May 2000 laying down detailed rules for the application of control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries should consequently be repealed.

Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (the "IUU Regulation"), will apply from 1 January 2010. Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 concerning authorisations for fishing activities of Community fishing vessels outside Community waters and the access of third country vessels to Community waters establishes the obligation for Community fishing vessels to hold a fishing authorisation to engage in fishing activities outside Community waters.

Certain provisions adopted by NEAFC have also been implemented into Community law via the yearly TAC and quota Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required. Considering that these measures are permanent, they should be part of the proposed Regulation.

- **Consistency with the other policies and objectives of the Union**

This proposal is, in keeping with the general pattern of the sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources, in compliance with the objectives of the common fisheries policy and contributes to sustainable development.

2) CONSULTATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- **Consultation of interested parties**

Consultation methods, main sectors targeted and general profile of respondents

Not applicable

Summary of responses and how they have been taken into account

Not applicable

- **Collection and use of expertise**

There was no need for external expertise.

- **Impact assessment**

Not applicable

3) LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL

- **Summary of the proposed action**

Transposes into Community law the Scheme of control and enforcement adopted by NEAFC

- **Legal basis**

Article 37 of the Treaty establishing the European Community

- **Subsidiarity principle**

The proposal falls under the exclusive competence of the Community. The subsidiarity principle therefore does not apply.

- **Proportionality principle**

The proposal complies with the principle of proportionality, for the following reason:

The recommendations were adopted by a regional fisheries organisation. European Community as a Contracting Party shall transpose in Community law. In the interests of clarity and transparency, they are incorporated in a Council regulation so that they can be better applied by the Member States and fishermen.

- **Choice of instruments**

Proposed instruments: regulation.

Other means would not be adequate for the following reason(s).

Recommendations adopted by regional fisheries management organisations are transposed in Council regulations.

4) BUDGETARY IMPLICATION

The proposal has no implication for the Community budget.

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Simplification**

The proposal provides for simplification of administrative procedures for public authorities (EU or national).

The proposal provides for the Commission to designate a body in order to centralise all the procedures of reporting between Member States and the NEAFC Secretary.

- **Repeal of existing legislation**

The adoption of the proposal will lead to the repeal of existing legislation.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ([1]),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament([2]),

Whereas:

(1) The Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries, hereinafter referred to as the NEAFC Convention, was approved by Decision 81/608/EEC ([3]) and entered into force on 17 March 1982.

(2) The NEAFC Convention provides for an appropriate framework for multilateral cooperation on the rational conservation and management of fishery resources in the Area defined by the Convention.

(3) The North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission at its Annual Meeting on 15 November 2006 adopted a recommendation establishing a scheme of control and enforcement (hereinafter called 'the Scheme') applicable to fishing vessels operating in areas beyond the limits of the national jurisdiction of the Contracting Parties in the Convention Area. The Scheme was amended by several recommendations at the Annual Meetings in November 2007 and 2008.

(4) Under Articles 12 and 15 of the NEAFC Convention, these recommendations came into force on 1 May 2007, on 9 February 2008 and 6 and 8 January 2009 respectively.

(5) The Scheme provides for control measures applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Contracting Parties and operating in the NEAFC Area, and arrangements for inspection at sea which include inspection and surveillance procedures and infringement procedures which must be implemented by the Contracting Parties.

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1 OJ C , , p. .
2 OJ C , , p. .
3 OJ L 227, 12.8.1981, p. 21.

(6) The Scheme provides for a new Port State Control system which will effectively close European ports to landings and transhipments of frozen fish which have not been verified to be legal by the flag State of fishing vessels flying the flag of another Contracting Party.

(7) Certain provisions adopted by NEAFC have been implemented into Community Law by way of the yearly TAC and quotas Regulation, most recently by Council Regulation (EC) No 43/2009 fixing for 2009 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required ([4]). For the sake of legal clarity provisions of that kind which are not of a temporary nature should be transferred into a new separate regulation.

(8) The Scheme also incorporates provisions to promote compliance by Non Contracting Party vessels with the conservation and enforcement measures in order to ensure full respect for conservation and management measures adopted by NEAFC; The NEAFC recommended replacing a number of vessels on the list of vessels that have been confirmed as having engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated fisheries. Implementation of those recommendations in the Community legal order should be ensured.

(9) Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy ([5]) provides that each Member State shall ensure that the activities of its vessels outside the Community waters are subject to proper monitoring and, where such Community obligations exist, to inspections and surveillance, in order to ensure compliance with Community rules applicable in those waters; provision should therefore be made that Member States whose vessels are authorised to fish in the NEAFC Regulatory Area assign inspectors to the Scheme to undertake monitoring and surveillance, together with adequate resources for inspection.

(10) In order to ensure the monitoring of fishing activities in the NEAFC Convention Area, it is necessary that Member States cooperate with one another and with the Commission and the body designated by it in applying the Scheme.

(11) It is the responsibility of Member States to ensure that their inspectors comply with the inspection procedures laid down by the NEAFC.

(12) A procedure should be laid down for adopting detailed rules for the implementation of the Scheme.

(13) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Regulation should be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedure for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ([6]). In order to ensure that additional measures concerning control and enforcement adopted by NEAFC which become obligatory for the Community can be implemented

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4 OJ L22, 26.1.2009, p.1.
5 OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p.1.
6 OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p.23.

within the timeframe set out in the NEAFC Convention, amendments may be adopted following the same procedure.

(14) As this Regulation will establish new rules concerning control and enforcement in the NEAFC Convention Area, Regulation (EC) No 2791/1999 of 16 December 1999 laying down certain control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries should be repealed.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

CHAPTER I

General provisions

Article 1

Subject matter

This Regulation lays down the general rules and conditions for the application by the Community of the Scheme of control and enforcement (hereinafter, "the Scheme") adopted by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission.

Article 2

Scope

Unless otherwise stated, this Regulation shall apply to all Community vessels used or intended for use for fishing activities conducted on fishery resources in the Regulatory Area of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in North-East Atlantic Fisheries**.**

Article 3

Definitions

For the purpose of this Regulation the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Convention" means the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in North-East Atlantic Fisheries, as amended.

(2) “Convention Area” means the waters of the Convention Area as defined in Article 1(1) of the Convention;

(3) “Regulatory Area” means the waters of the Convention Area, which lie beyond the waters under the fisheries jurisdiction of Contracting Parties;

(4) "Contracting Parties" means the Contracting Parties to the Convention;

(5) "NEAFC" means the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission;

(6) “fishing activities” means fishing, including joint fishing operations, fish processing operations, the transhipment or landing of fish or fish products and any other commercial activity in preparation for or related to fishing;

(7) “fishery resources” are those referred to in Article 1(2) of the Convention;

(8) “regulated resources” are those fishery resources which are subject to recommendations under the Convention and are listed in the Annex**;**

(9) “fishing vessel” means any vessel used or intended for use for the purposes of the commercial exploitation of fishery resources, including fish processing vessels and vessels engaged in transhipment;

(10) “non-Contracting Party vessel” means any fishing vessel not flagged in a Contracting Party of NEAFC, including vessels for which there are reasonable grounds for suspecting them to be without nationality;

(11) “joint fishing operation “ means any operations between two or more vessels where catch is taken from the fishing gear of one fishing vessel to another;

(12) “transhipment operation” means the transfer, over the side, of any quantity of fishery resources or products thereof retained on board, from one fishing vessel to another;

(13) “port” means any place used for landing or a place close to the shore designated by a Contracting Party for transhipping of fishery resources;

(14) "Fisheries Monitoring Centre" (FMC) means an operational centre established by a Member State and having the technical capacity to monitor remotely fishing vessels, to collect, store, validate and cross-check the data received via different communication systems and make the information available, as appropriate, to the flag State inspection services or coastal.

Article 4

Contact points

1. Member States shall designate the competent authority which shall act as the contact point for the purposes of receiving surveillance and inspection reports in accordance with Articles 12, 19, 20 and 27 and for receiving notifications and issuing authorisations in accordance with Articles 24 and 25.

2. Contact points for receiving notifications and issuing authorisations in accordance with Articles 24 and 25 shall be available 24 hours a day.

3. Member States shall send to the Commission or to a body designated by it and to the NEAFC Secretary the telephone number, e-mail address and fax number of the designated contact point.

4. Any subsequent changes to the information concerning contacts points referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be notified to the Commission or a body designated by it and to the NEAFC Secretary at least fifteen days before the change shall come into force.

5 The format for transmission of the information referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be established in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

CHAPTER II

Monitoring Measures

Article 5

Community participation

1. Member States shall send to the Commission, in a computer-readable form, a list of all vessels flying their flag and registered in the Community which are authorised to fish in the Regulatory Area, in particular the vessels authorised to fish directly for one or more regulated resources together with any amendments to the list. This information shall be sent no later than 15 December each year or at least 5 days before the vessel enters the Regulatory Area. The Commission shall forward the information promptly to the NEAFC Secretary.

2. The format for transmission of the list referred to in paragraph 1 shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 6

Marking of gear

1. Member States shall ensure that gear used by its fishing vessels in the Regulatory Area is marked in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 356/2005 ([7]).

2. Member States may remove and dispose of fixed gear that is not marked in accordance with paragraph 1 or in any other way contravenes recommendations adopted by NEAFC as well as fish that is found in the gear.

[7] OJ L 56, 2.3.2005, p.8

Article 7

Retrieval of lost gear

1. Community fishing vessels fishing with fixed gear shall have equipment on board to retrieve lost gear.

2. A vessel that has lost fixed gear shall attempt to retrieve it as soon as possible.

3. If the lost gear cannot be retrieved the master of the vessel shall notify the competent authority in its flag Member State within 24 hours of the loss of the following:

   (a) the name and call sign of the vessel;

   (b) the type of lost gear;

   (c) the time when the gear was lost;

   (d) the position where the gear was lost;

   (e) if the vessel has tried to retrieve the gear.

4. The competent authority shall without delay send information given pursuant to paragraph 3 to the Commission or to a body designated by it which shall promptly forward it to the NEAFC Secretary.

5. Member States shall on a regular basis undertake to retrieve lost gears belonging to vessels flying their flag. If gear is retrieved that has not been reported by the master as lost, the Member State that retrieved the gear may recover the cost from the master of the vessel that has lost the gear.

Article 8

Recording of catches and fishing effort

1. In addition to the information specified in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93, the masters of Community fishing vessels shall keep a bound paginated fishing logbook and shall record in it the following :

   (a) each entry into and exit from the Regulatory Area,

   (b) on a daily basis and/or for each haul the estimated cumulative catches retained on board since the last entry into the Regulatory Area,

   (c) on a daily basis and/or for each haul the amount of fish discarded.

2. The masters of Community fishing vessels engaged in fishing activities conducted on regulated resources which process and/or freeze their catch shall :

(a) record their cumulative production by species and product form in a production logbook, and

(b) stow in the hold all processed catch in such a way that the location of each species can be identified from a stowage plan maintained on board the fishing vessel.

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States may exempt from keeping a fishing logbook a vessel engaged in transhipment operations which on-loads quantities on board. Vessels benefiting from this derogation shall specify in the stowage plan the location in the hold of frozen fish referred to in Article 14(1) and record in a production logbook:

(a) the date and time according to the Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) of transmission of a report referred to in Article 9;

(b) in case of radio transmission, the name of the radio station through which the report is transmitted;

(c) the date and time (UTC) of transhipment operation;

(d) the location (latitude/longitude) of the transhipment operation;

(e) the quantities of each species on-loaded;

(f) the name and international radio call sign of the fishing vessel from which the catch has been off-loaded.

4. Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 9

Reporting of catches of regulated resources

1. The masters of Community fishing vessels engaged in fishing activities conducted on regulated resources shall communicate catch reports by electronic means to their Fisheries Monitoring Centre. These data shall be accessible to the Commission on request. Reports shall include the following:

(a) reports on the quantities held on board when entering the Regulatory Area. Such reports shall be transmitted no earlier than 12 hours and no later than 2 hours in advance of each entry into the Regulatory Area;

(b) reports on weekly catches. Such reports shall be transmitted for the first time no later than the end of the seventh day following the entry of the vessel into the Regulatory Area or, when fishing trips take more than 7 days, at least on Monday noon for catches taken in the Regulatory Area during the preceding week ending at midnight on Sunday. This report shall include the number of fishing days since the commencement of fishing, or since the last catch report;

(c) reports on catches on board when exiting the Regulatory Area. Such reports shall be transmitted no earlier than 8 hours and no later than 2 hours in advance of each departure from the Regulatory Area. It shall include, where appropriate, the number of fishing days and the catch taken in the Regulatory Area since the commencement of fishing, or since the last catch report;

(d) reports on the quantities on-loaded and off-loaded for each transhipment of fish and the catch taken on board in joint fishing operations during the vessel's stay in the Regulatory Area. Such reports shall be transmitted no later than 24 hours after the completion of the transhipment or joint fishing operation.

2. Member States shall, upon receipt, forward catch reports by computer transmission to the NEAFC Secretary.

3. Member States shall record the data contained in the catch reports in the database referred to in Article 19(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93.

4. The detailed rules for the application of this Article and in particular the format and the specifications for the transmissions shall be determined under the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 10

Global reporting of catches and fishing effort

1. Member States shall inform the Commission, by computer transmission before the fifteenth day of each month, of the quantities of resources taken in the Regulatory Area by vessels flying their flag, which have been landed or transhipped during the preceding month.

2. Without prejudice to Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93, Member States shall also inform the Commission, by computer transmission before the fifteenth day of each month, of the quantities of regulated resources taken in Community waters of the Convention Area by vessels flying their flag, which have been landed or transhipped during the preceding month.

3. The list of resources to be notified in accordance with paragraph 1 and the format for transmission of the data in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

4. The Commission shall compile the data referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 for all Member States and forward those data to the NEAFC Secretary within 30 days following the calendar month in which the catches were landed or transhipped.

Article 11

Vessel Monitoring System

Member States shall ensure the automatic and electronic transmission to the NEAFC Secretary of information obtained by the vessel monitoring system (VMS) concerning vessels flying their flag which fish in the Regulatory Area, in the format and in compliance with the specifications adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 12

Communication of information

1. Member States shall communicate the reports and the information referred to in Articles 9 and 11 without delay. However in the event of technical malfunction, such reports and information shall be transmitted to the NEAFC Secretary within 24 hours of receipt. Member States shall ensure that all reports and messages forwarded by them are sequentially numbered.

2. Member States shall ensure that the reports and information transmitted to the NEAFC Secretary are in accordance with the data exchange formats and protocols set out in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 13

Transhipments and joint fishing operations

1. Community fishing vessels shall engage in transhipment activities in the Regulatory Area only if they have received prior authorisation from the competent authorities in their flag Member State.

2. Community fishing vessels may only engage in transhipment operations or joint fishing operations with vessels flying the flag of a Contracting Party and vessels of a non-Contracting Party granted the status of co-operating non Contracting Party by NEAFC.

3. Community fishing vessels engaged in transhipment operations which on-load quantities on board shall not engage in other fishing activities, including joint fishing operations, during the same trip, with the exception of fish processing operations and landings.

Article 14

Separate stowage

1. Community fishing vessels, which carry onboard frozen fishery resources caught in the Convention Area by more than one fishing vessel, may stow the fish from each of those vessels in more than one part of the hold but shall keep it clearly separate, in particular by plastic, plywood or netting, from fish caught by other vessels.

2. All catches taken inside the Convention Area shall be stowed separately from all catches taken outside the area.

Article 15

Labelling of frozen fish

When frozen all fish caught in the Convention Area shall be identified with a clearly legible label or stamp. The label or stamp, which shall be placed at time of stowage on each box or block of frozen fish, shall indicate the species, production date, the ICES sub-area and division where the catch was taken and the name of the vessel which caught the fish.

CHAPTER III

Inspections at sea

Article 16

NEAFC inspectors

1. Member States whose fishing vessels are authorised to fish in the Regulatory Area shall assign inspectors to the Scheme to carry out surveillance and inspection.

2. Member States shall issue a special identity document to each inspector The form of this document shall be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

3. Each inspector shall carry and produce the special identity document when boarding a fishing vessel.

Article 17

General provisions for inspection and surveillance

1. The Commission or a body designated by it shall coordinate the surveillance and inspection activities for the Community and shall draw up each year, in concert with the Member States concerned, a joint deployment plan for Community participation in the Scheme in the following year.

   Where at any time more than 10 Community fishing vessels are engaged in fishing activities targeted at regulated resources in the Regulatory Area, the Commission or a body designated by it shall, during that time, ensure that an inspection vessel from a Member State is present in the Area or that an agreement has been concluded with another Contracting Party to ensure the presence of an inspection vessel.

2. The Commission or a body designated by it shall determine the number of inspections based upon Community fleet size, taking into account the time spent by Community fishing vessels in the Regulatory Area.

3. The Commission or a body designated by it shall aim at ensuring equal treatment between all Contracting Parties with fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area through an equitable distribution of inspections.

4. Member States shall ensure that inspections carried out by their inspectors shall be carried out in a non-discriminatory manner and in accordance with the Scheme.

5. Member States shall take steps to ensure that NEAFC inspectors from another Contracting Party shall be allowed to carry out inspections on board vessels flying their flag.

6. Inspectors shall avoid the use of force except when and to the degree necessary to ensure the safety of the inspectors. When carrying out inspections on board fishing vessels, inspectors shall not carry any fire-arms.

7. Inspectors shall avoid any interference with or inconvenience to the fishing vessel, its activities and the catch retained on board, except when and to the degree necessary to carry out their mandates.

Article 18

Means of inspection

1. Member States shall make available to their inspectors adequate means to enable them to carry out their surveillance and inspection tasks. To that end they shall assign inspection vessels and aircrafts to the Scheme.

2. The Commission or a body designated by it shall send to NEAFC Secretary before 1 January each year details of the plan, the names of the NEAFC inspectors and special inspection vessels as well as the types of aircraft and the details of their identification

(registration number, name, radio call-sign) which Member States are assigning to the Scheme during that year. This information shall be extracted from the list referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1042/2006. Member States shall send modifications of this list to the Commission or a body designated by it which shall forward information giving one month's notice before the change come into force to the NEAFC Secretary and the other Member States.

3. Any vessel assigned to the Scheme and carrying NEAFC inspectors, as well as the boarding craft deployed by that vessel shall display the NEAFC inspection special signal to indicate that inspectors on board may carry out inspection duties in accordance with the Scheme. Aircraft assigned to the Scheme shall have their international radio call sign clearly displayed. The form of the special signal shall be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

4. The Commission or a body designated by it shall keep a record for the assigned Community inspection vessels and aircraft of the date and hour of the start and termination of their duties under the Scheme as set out in the form determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2). The Commission or a body designated by it shall notify this information to the NEAFC Secretary.

Article 19

Surveillance procedure

1. Surveillance shall be based on sightings of fishing vessels by NEAFC inspectors from a vessel or aircraft assigned to the Scheme. NEAFC inspectors shall forward a copy of each sighting report per vessel without delay by electronic transmission, in the form set out in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2) to the flag State of the vessel concerned, to the Commission or a body designated by it and to NEAFC Secretary. A hard copy of each sighting report and any photographs shall be forwarded on request to the flag State of the vessel concerned.

2. They shall record their sightings in a surveillance report using a form established in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 20

Inspection procedure

1. Inspectors shall not conduct boarding without prior notice by radio being sent to the fishing vessel or without the fishing vessel being given the appropriate signal using the International Code of Signals, including the identity of the inspection platform, whether or not such notice is acknowledged as received.

2. Inspectors shall have the authority to examine all relevant areas, decks and rooms of the fishing vessels, catch (whether processed or not), nets or other gear, equipment, and any relevant documents which they deem necessary to verify the compliance

with the measures established by NEAFC and to question the master or a person designated by the master.

3. The fishing vessel to be boarded shall not be required to stop or manoeuvre when fishing, shooting or hauling. The inspectors may order the interruption or delay in the hauling of the fishing gear until they have boarded the fishing vessel and in any event no more than 30 minutes after receiving the signal referred to in paragraph 1.

4. Masters of inspection platforms shall ensure that they manoeuvre at a safe distance from the fishing vessels according to good seamanship.

5. Inspectors may instruct a fishing vessel to delay its entry into or exit from the Regulatory Area for up to 6 hours from the time of transmission by the fishing vessel of the reports referred to in Article 9(1)(a) and (c).

6. The duration of an inspection shall not exceed 4 hours, or until the net is hauled in and the net and catch are inspected, whichever is longer. In the case of an infringement being detected the inspectors may stay on board for the time necessary for the completion of measures provided for in Article 29(1)(b).

7. In special circumstances relating to the size of a fishing vessel, and the quantities of fish retained on board, the duration of the inspection may exceed the limits laid down in paragraph 6. In such a situation, inspectors shall in no case stay longer on board the fishing vessel than the time required to complete the inspection. The reasons for exceeding the limit laid down in paragraph 6 shall be recorded in the inspection report referred to in paragraph 9.

8. No more than two inspectors as assigned by Member States shall board a fishing vessel of another Contracting Party. In carrying out their inspection, the inspectors may request of the master any assistance required. Inspectors shall not interfere with the master's ability to communicate with the authorities of the flag State during the boarding and inspection.

9. Each inspection shall be documented by completing an inspection report in the format established in accordance with the procedure referred to Article 47(2). The inspection report may be commented upon by the master and shall be signed by the inspectors at the end of the inspection. A copy of the inspection report shall be given to the master of the fishing vessel. A copy of each inspection report shall be transmitted without delay to the Commission or a body designated by it. The Commission or a body designated by it shall forward it promptly to the flag State of the inspected vessel and to the NEAFC Secretary. The original or a certified copy of each inspection report shall be forwarded on request to the flag State of the inspected vessel.

Article 21

Obligation of the vessel master during the inspection procedure

The master of a fishing vessel shall:

(a) facilitate prompt and safe boarding and disembarkation pursuant to specifications adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2);

(b) co-operate with and assist in the inspection of the fishing vessel conducted pursuant to this Regulation, and shall not obstruct, intimidate or interfere with the inspectors in the performance of their duties and shall ensure their safety;

(c) allow the inspectors to communicate with the authorities of the flag State and the inspecting State;

(d) provide access to any areas, decks and rooms of the fishing vessel, catch (whether processed or not), nets or other gear, equipment, and any relevant information or documents which the inspector deems necessary in accordance with Article 20(2);

(e) provide copies of documents as required by the inspector ; and

(f) provide inspectors with reasonable facilities, including, where appropriate, food and accommodation where they remain on board the vessel in accordance with Article 32(3).

CHAPTER IV

Port State Control of fishing vessels flying the flag of another Contracting Party

Article 22

Scope

Without prejudice to Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 and to Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (the "IUU Regulation"), the provisions set out in this Chapter shall apply to landing or transhipping in ports of Member States of fishery resources frozen after being caught in the Convention Area by fishing vessels flying the flag of another Contracting Party.

Article 23

Designated ports

Member States shall designate, and notify the Commission of, ports or places close to the shore where landings or transhipment operations of fishery products, referred to in Article 22, and port services are permitted. The Commission shall notify the NEAFC Secretary of these places and of any changes to the list of ports designated at least fifteen days before the change shall come into force.

Landings and transhipments of fish frozen after being caught in the Convention Area by fishing vessels flying the flag of another Contracting Party shall only be allowed in designated ports.

Article 24

Prior notice of entry into port

1. By way of derogation from Article 28e(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93, the masters of all fishing vessels or their representative, carrying fish referred to in Article 22 of this Regulation, intending to call into a port to land or tranship shall notify the competent authorities of the Member State of the port they wish to use at least three working days before the estimated time of arrival.

   However a Member State may make provision for another notification period, taking into account, in particular, the distance between the fishing grounds and its ports. In

such a case, the Member State shall inform without delay the Commission or a body designated by it and the NEAFC Secretary.

2. Masters or their representative may cancel a prior notification by notifying the competent authorities of the port they wish to use no later than 24 hours before the notified estimated time of arrival in the port.

However, a Member State may make provision for another notification period for cancellation. In such a case, the Member State shall inform without delay the Commission or a body designated by it and the NEAFC Secretary. The notification shall be accompanied by a copy of the original notification form with the word "CANCELLED" written across it.

3. The competent authorities of the port Member State shall forward a copy of the notification referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 without delay to the flag State of the fishing vessel and to the flag State or States of donor vessels when the vessel has engaged in transhipment operations. A copy of the notification referred to in paragraph 1 and 2 shall also be forward to the Commission or a body designated by it which shall send it to the NEAFC Secretary without delay.

4. The port Member State shall prohibit the entry into its ports of vessels that have not given the required prior notice of entry into port.

5. The detailed rules for the application of this Article and in particular the format and the specifications for the notification shall be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 25

Authorisation to land or tranship

1. The flag State of the fishing vessel intending to land or tranship, or where the vessel has engaged in transhipment operations outside Community waters, the flag State or States of donor vessels, shall, by returning a copy of the prior notification referred to in Article 24, confirm that:

(a) the fishing vessels which declared to have caught the fish had sufficient quota for the species declared;

(b) the quantities of fish on board have been duly reported and taken into account for the calculation of any catch or effort limitations that may be applicable;

(c) the fishing vessels declared to have caught the fish had authorisation to fish in the areas declared;

(d) the presence of the vessels in the area of catch declared has been verified according to VMS data.

2. Landing or transhipment operations may only commence after authorisation has been given by the competent authorities of the port Member State. Such authorisation shall

only be given if the confirmation from the flag State referred to in paragraph 1 has been received.

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 2 the competent authorities of the port Member State may authorise all or part of a landing in the absence of the confirmation referred to in paragraph 1 but in such cases shall keep the fish concerned in storage under their control. The fish shall only be released to be sold, taken over or transported once the confirmation referred to in paragraph 1 has been received. If the confirmation has not been received within 14 days of the landing the competent authorities of the port Member State may confiscate and dispose of the fish in accordance with national rules.

4. The competent authorities of the port Member State shall notify without delay to the master their decision on whether or not to authorise the landing or transhipment and inform the Commission or a body designated by it which shall forward the decision to the NEAFC Secretary.

5. The detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 26

Port inspections

1. Member States shall carry out inspections of at least 15% of landings or transhipments in its ports during each reporting year.

2. Inspections shall involve the monitoring of the entire discharge or transhipment and include a cross-check between the quantities by species recorded in the prior notice of landing and the quantities by species landed or transhipped. When the landing or transhipment is completed, the inspector shall verify and note the quantities by species of fish remaining on board.

3. National inspectors shall make all possible efforts to avoid unduly delaying a vessel and ensure that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience and that degradation of the quality of the fish is avoided.

4. The port Member State may invite inspectors of other Contracting Parties to accompany their own inspectors and observe the inspection of landings or transhipment operations of fishery resources caught by fishing vessels flying the flag of another Contracting Party.

Article 27

Inspection reports

1. Each inspection shall be documented by completing an inspection report using the form established in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

2. The inspection report may be commented upon by the master and shall be signed by the inspector and the master at the end of the inspection. A copy of the inspection report shall be given to the master of the fishing vessel.

3. A copy of each inspection report shall be transmitted without delay to the flag State of the inspected fishing vessel and to the flag State or States of donor vessels where the vessel has engaged in transhipment operations, to the Commission or a body designated by it and to the NEAFC Secretary. The original or a certified copy of each inspection report shall be forwarded on request to the Flag State of the inspected vessel.

CHAPTER V

Infringements

Article 28

Scope

Without prejudice to Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 and to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 the provisions set out in this Chapter shall apply to Community fishing vessels and to fishing vessels flying the flag of another Contracting Party used or intended for use for fishing activities conducted on fishery resources in the Regulatory Area.

Article 29

Infringement procedures

1. Where inspectors find that there are clear grounds for believing that a fishing vessel has engaged in any activity contrary to the measures adopted by NEAFC they shall:

   (a) note the infringement in the report referred to in articles 19(2), 20(8) or 27;

   (b) take all necessary measures to ensure security and continuity of the evidence. An identification mark may be affixed securely to any part of the fishing gear which appears to the inspector to have been in contravention of applicable measures;

   (c) immediately attempt to communicate with an inspector or designated authority of the flag State of the inspected fishing vessel;

   (d) transmit the inspection report promptly to the Commission or a body designated by it.

2. The Member State carrying out the inspection shall communicate in writing the details of the infringement to the designated authorities of the flag State of the inspected vessel and to the Commission or a body designated by it where possible during the working day following the start of the inspection.

3. The Member State carrying out the inspection shall send without delay the original of the surveillance or inspection report with any supporting documents to the competent authorities of the flag State of the inspected fishing vessel as well as a copy to the Commission or a body designated by it which shall forward a copy to the NEAFC Secretary.

Article 30

Follow up in the case of infringement

1. Where a Member State is notified by another Contracting Party or another Member State of an infringement committed by a fishing vessel flying its flag, it shall take prompt action in conformity with its national law to receive and consider the evidence of the infringement and conduct any further investigation necessary for the follow up to the infringement and, whenever possible, inspect the fishing vessel concerned.

2. Member States shall designate the appropriate authorities appointed to receive evidence of infringement and shall inform the Commission or a body designated by it of the address of those authorities and of any change in these information. The Commission or a body designated by it shall subsequently forward the information to the NEAFC Secretary.

Article 31

Serious infringements

For the purpose of this Regulation, the following infringements shall be considered as serious:

(a) fishing without a valid authorisation issued by the flag State;

(b) fishing without or after attainment of a quota;

(c) use of prohibited fishing gear;

(d) serious mis-recording of catches;

(e) repeated failure to comply with the provisions of Articles 9 and 11;

(f) landing or transhipping in a port not designated in accordance with the provisions of Article 23;

(g) failure to comply with the provisions of Article 24;

(h) landing or transhipment without authorisation of the port State as referred to in Article 25;

(i) preventing an inspector from carrying out his duties;

(j) directed fishing for a stock which is subject to a moratorium or for which fishing is prohibited;

(k) falsifying or concealing the markings, identity or registration of a fishing vessel;

(l) concealing, tampering with or disposing of evidence relating to an investigation;

(m) multiple violations which together constitute a serious disregard of conservation and management measures;

(n) engaging in transhipment or joint fishing operations with vessels of a non-Contracting Party which has not been accorded the status of a co-operating non-Contracting Party by NEAFC;

(o) supplying any provisions, fuel or other services to vessels that have been placed on the lists referred to in Article 44.

Article 32

Follow up in the case of serious infringements

1. If an inspector considers that there are clear grounds for believing that a fishing vessel has committed a serious infringement under Article 31, that inspector shall promptly notify that infringement to the Commission or a body designated by it, the appropriate authorities of the flag State of the inspected fishing vessel and the flag State or States of donor vessels where the inspected vessel has engaged in transhipment operations, in accordance with Article 29(3) with a copy to the NEAFC Secretary.

2. In order to preserve the evidence, the inspector shall take all necessary measures to ensure the security and continuity of the evidence whilst minimising interference with and inconvenience to the operation of the vessel.

3. The inspector is entitled to remain on board the fishing vessel for the period necessary to provide information on the infringement to the duly authorised inspector referred to in Article 33, or until receiving a reply from the flag State requesting the inspector to leave the fishing vessel.

Article 33

Follow up in the case of serious infringements by a Community fishing vessel

1. Flag Member States shall respond to the notification referred to in Article 32(1) without delay and shall ensure that the fishing vessel concerned is inspected within 72 hours by an inspector duly authorised in relation to the infringement. The duly authorised inspector shall board the fishing vessel concerned and examine the evidence of the suspected infringement, established by the NEAFC inspector, and forward the results of the examination as quickly as possible to the competent authority in the flag Member State and the Commission or a body designated by it.

2. Following notification of the results, Flag Member States shall, if evidence so warrants, require the fishing vessel to proceed immediately and in any case within 24

hours to a port designated by that flag Member State for a thorough inspection under its authority.

3. The flag Member State may authorise the inspecting State to bring the fishing vessel without delay to a port designated by the flag Member State.

4. If the fishing vessel is not called to port, flag Member States must provide due justification in a timely manner to the Commission or a body designated by it and to the inspecting State. The Commission or a body designated by it shall forward such justification to the NEAFC Secretary.

5. Where a fishing vessel is required to proceed to port for a thorough inspection pursuant to paragraphs 2 or 3, a NEAFC inspector from another Contracting Party may, subject to the consent of the flag Member State of the fishing vessel, board and remain on board the fishing vessel as it is proceeding to port, and may be present during the inspection of the fishing vessel in port.

6. Flag Member States shall inform the Commission or a body designated by it promptly of the outcome of the thorough inspection and of the measures it has adopted as a result of the infringement.

7. The detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be determined under the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 34

Reporting and follow up of infringements

1. Member States shall report to the Commission or a body designated by it by 15 February of each year the status of the proceedings concerning infringements of NEAFC measures committed during the previous calendar year. The infringements shall continue to be listed on each subsequent report until the proceeding is concluded in accordance with the relevant provisions of national laws. The Commission or a body designated by it shall forward the reports to the NEAFC Secretary before 1 March.

2. The report required in paragraph 1 shall indicate the current status of the proceedings and in particular whether the case is pending, under appeal or still under investigation. The report shall describe any sanctions imposed in specific terms, stating in particular the level of fines, the value of forfeited fish and/or gear and any written warning given, and shall include an explanation if no action has been taken.

Article 35

Treatment of inspection reports

1. Member States shall consider and act on reports from inspectors of other Member States or Contracting Parties under the Scheme on the same basis as reports from its own inspectors.

2. Member States shall co-operate with each other and with other relevant Contracting Parties in order to facilitate judicial or other proceedings arising from a report submitted by an inspector under the Scheme.

Article 36

Reports on surveillance and inspection activities

1. Member States shall report to the Commission or a body designated by it by 15 February each year for the previous calendar year:

   (a) the number of inspections it has carried out under Articles 19, 20 and 26 specifying the number of inspections on the vessels of each Contracting Party and, where an infringement has been committed, the date and position of the inspection of the individual vessel concerned and the nature of infringement;

   (b) the number of hours flown and the number of days at sea on NEAFC patrols, the number of sightings, including both Contracting Party vessels and non Contracting Party vessels, and the list of individual vessels for which a surveillance report has been completed .

2. The Commission or a body designated by it shall compile a Community report on the basis of the reports of the Member States. It shall send the Community report to the NEAFC Secretary by 1 March each year.

CHAPTER VI

Measures to promote compliance by non-Contracting Party fishing vessels

Article 37

Scope

1. This Chapter shall apply to Non Contracting Parties' fishing vessels used or intended for use for fishing activities conducted on fishery resources in the Convention Area.

2. This Chapter shall be without prejudice to Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93, to Regulation (EC) No 1093/94 and to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008.

Article 38

Sightings and identifications of non-Contracting Party vessels

1. Member States shall transmit to the Commission or a body designated by it without delay any information regarding non-Contracting Party vessels sighted or by other means identified as engaging in fishing activities in the Convention Area. The Commission or a body designated by it shall inform promptly the NEAFC Secretary and all Member States of each sighting report it receives.

2. The Member State which sighted the non-Contracting Party vessel shall attempt to inform such a vessel without delay that it has been sighted or by other means identified as engaging in fishing activities in the Convention Area and unless its flag state has been accorded the status of co-operating non-Contracting Party by NEAFC, is consequently presumed to be undermining the NEAFC conservation recommendations established under the Convention.

3. In the case of a non-Contracting Party vessel sighted or by other means identified as engaging in transhipment activities, the presumption of undermining conservation and enforcement measures applies to any other non-Contracting Party vessel that has been identified as having engaged in such activities with that vessel.

Article 39

Inspections at sea

1. NEAFC inspectors shall request permission to board and inspect non-Contracting Party vessels sighted or by other means identified by a Contracting Party as engaging in fishing activities in the Convention Area. If the vessel consents to be boarded the

inspection shall be documented by completing an inspection report as referred to Article 20(9).

2. NEAFC inspectors shall transmit a copy of the inspection report without delay to the Commission or a body designated by it, to the NEAFC Secretary and to the master of the non-Contracting Party vessel. Where evidence so warrants, a Member State may take such action as may be appropriate in accordance with international law. Member States are encouraged to examine the appropriateness of domestic measures to exercise jurisdiction over such vessels.

3. If the master does not consent to the boarding and inspection of his vessel or does not fulfil any one of the obligations laid down in Article 21(1) to (4), the vessel shall be presumed to have engaged in IUU activities. The NEAFC Inspector shall inform the Commission or a body designated by it of this without delay, which shall promptly inform the NEAFC Secretary.

Article 40

Entry into port

1. The master of a non Contracting Party fishing vessel may only call into a port designated in accordance with Article 23. The master intending to call into a port of a Member State shall notify the competent authorities of the port Member State in accordance with the provisions of Article 24. The port Member State concerned shall forward this information without delay to the flag State of the vessel and to the Commission or a body designated by it which shall subsequently forward this information to the NEAFC Secretary.

2. The port Member State shall prohibit the entry into its ports of vessels that have not given the required prior notice of entry into port as referred to in Article 24.

Article 41

Inspections in port

1. Member States shall ensure that all non-Contracting Party vessels entering one of its ports are inspected. The vessel shall not be allowed to land or tranship any fish until this inspection has been completed. Each inspection shall be documented by completing an inspection report as provided for in Article 27. Where the master of the vessel has failed to fulfil any one of the obligations laid down in Article 21(1) to (4), the vessel shall be presumed to have engaged in IUU activities.

2. Information on the results of all inspections of non-Contracting Party vessels conducted in the ports of Member States, and subsequent action, shall immediately be transmitted to the Commission or a body designated by it which shall forward such information to the NEAFC Secretary.

Article 42

Landings, transhipments and joint fishing operations

1. Landings and transhipments may only commence after authorisation has been given by the competent authorities of the port State

2. Landings and transhipments of all fish products from a non-Contracting Party vessel which has been inspected pursuant to Article 41, shall be prohibited in the ports and waters of all Member States if such an inspection reveals that the vessel has species onboard which are subject to recommendations established under the Convention unless the master of the vessel provides satisfactory evidence to the competent authorities proving that the fish were caught outside the Regulatory Area or in compliance with all relevant recommendations established under the Convention.

3. The vessel shall not be authorised to land or engage in a transhipment operation if the flag State of the vessel, or the flag State or States of donor vessels where the vessel has engaged in transhipment operations, does not provide the confirmation referred to in Article 25.

4. Furthermore, landings and transhipments shall be prohibited where the master of the vessel has failed to fulfil any one of the obligations laid down in Article 21(1) to (4).

Article 43

Reports on non Contracting Parties activities

1. Member States shall report to the Commission or a body designated by it by 15 February each year for the previous calendar year:

   (a) the number of inspections of non-Contracting Party vessels it conducted under this Scheme at sea or in its ports, the names of the vessels inspected and their respective flag state, the dates and as appropriate, the ports where the inspection was conducted, and the results of such inspections; and

   (b) where fish are landed or transhipped following an inspection pursuant to this Scheme, the report shall also include the evidence presented pursuant to Article 42.

2. In addition to surveillance report and information on inspections, Member States may at any time submit to the Commission or a body designated by it any further information which might be relevant for the identification of non-Contracting Party vessels that might be carrying out IUU fishing activities in the Convention Area.

3. On the basis of this information, the Commission or a body designated by it shall send a global report on non Contracting Parties activities to the NEAFC Secretary by 1 March each year.

Article 44

Vessels engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities

Member States shall ensure that vessels appearing in the provisional list of IUU vessels established by NEAFC ('A' list):

(a) are inspected in accordance with the provisions of Article 41 when they enter their ports;

(b) are not authorised to land or tranship in their ports or in the waters under their jurisdiction;

(c) are not given assistance by fishing vessels, support vessels, refuel vessels, the mother-ship and cargo vessels flying their flag or permitted to participate in any transhipment or joint fishing operation with such vessels;

(d) are not supplied with provisions, fuel or other services;

Chapter VII

Final provisions

Article 45

Confidentiality

In addition to the obligations laid down in Article 37 of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/1993, Member States and the Commission shall comply with the rules of confidentiality adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2).

Article 46

Implementation

The measures necessary for implementing the provisions of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure established in Article 47(2).

Article 47

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee").

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply. The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

Article 48

Procedure for amendments

The provisions of this Regulation may be amended in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 47(2) in order to transpose into Community law NEAFC control and enforcement measures which become obligatory for the Community.

The Annex may be amended in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 47(2).

Article 49

Repeal

Regulation (EC) N° 2791/1999 and Chapter VIII, Annex IX and Annex XV of Regulation (EC) No 43/2009 are hereby repealed.

Article 50

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.*

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX
Regulated resources

A) Pelagic and oceanic species

Stock (common name)	**FAO code**	***Scientific Name***	**ICES subareas and divisions**
Redfish	REB	*Sebastes mentella*	V, XII, XIV
Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring (Atlanto Scandian)	HER	*Clupea harengus*	I, II
Blue whiting	WHB	*Micromesistius poutassou*	IIa, IVa, Vb, VI, VII, XII, XIV
Mackerel	MAC	*Scomber scombrus*	IIa, IV, V, VI, VII, XII
Haddock	HAD	*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*	VIb

B) Deep-Sea Species

Stock (common name)	**FAO code**	**Scientific Name**	**ICES subareas**
Baird's smoothhead	ALC	*Alepocehalus bairdii*	I to XIV
Risso's smoothhead	PHO	*Alepocephalus rostratus*	I to XIV
Blue antimora (Blue hake)	ANT	*Antimora rostrata*	I to XIV
Black scabbardfish	BSF	*Aphanopus carbo*	I to XIV
Iceland catshark	API	*Apristuris spp*	I to XIV
Greater silver smelt	ARG	*Argentina silus*	I to XIV
Alfonsinos	ALF	*Beryx spp.*	I to XIV
Tusk	USK	*Brosme brosme*	I to XIV
Gulper shark	GUP	*Centrophorus granulosus*	I to XIV
Leafscale gulper shark	GUQ	*Centrophorus squamosus*	I to XIV
Black dogfish	CFB	*Centroscyllium fabricii*	I to XIV
Portuguese dogfish	CYO	*Centroscymnus*	I to XIV

Stock (common name)	FAO code	Scientific Name	ICES subareas
		coelolepis	
Longnose velvet dogfish	CYP	*Centroscymnus crepidater*	I to XIV
Deep-water red crab	KEF	*Chaceon (Geryon) affinis*	I to XIV
Rabbit fish (Rattail)	CMO	*Chimaera monstrosa*	I to XIV
Frilled shark	HXC	*Chlamydoselachus anguineus*	I to XIV
Conger eel	COE	*Conger conger*	I to XIV
Roundnose grenadier	RNG	*Coryphaenoides rupestris*	I to XIV
Kitefin shark	SCK	*Dalatias licha*	I to XIV
Birdbeak dogfish	DCA	*Deania calceus*	I to XIV
Black (Deep-water) cardinal fish	EPI	*Epigonus telescopus*	I to XIV
Greater lanternshark	SHL	*Etmopterus princeps*	I to XIV
Velvet belly	SHL	*Etmopterus spinax*	I to XIV
Blackmouth dogfish	SHO	*Galeus melastomus*	I to XIV

Stock (common name)	FAO code	Scientific Name	ICES subareas
Mouse catshark	GAM	*Galeus murinus*	I to XIV
Bluemouth (Blue mouth redfish)	BRF	*Helicolenus dactylopterus*	I to XIV
Blondnose six-gilled shark	SBL	*Hexanchus griseus*	I to XIV
Orange roughy	ORY	*Hoplostethus atlanticus*	I to XIV
Silver roughy (Pink)	HPR	*Hoplostethus mediterraneus*	I to XIV
Large- eyed rabbit fish (Ratfish)	CYH	*Hydrolagus mirabilis*	I to XIV
Silver scabbard fish (Cutless fish)	SFS	*Lepidopus caudatus*	I to XIV
Eelpout	ELP	*Lycodes esmarkii*	I to XIV
Roughhead grenadier (Rough rattail)	RHG	*Marcrourus berglax*	I to XIV
Blue ling	BLI	*Molva dypterigia*	I to XIV
Ling	LIN	*Molva molva*	I to XIV
Common mora	RIB	*Mora moro*	I to XIV
Sailfin roughshark (Sharpback shark)	OXN	*Oxynotus paradoxus*	I to XIV
Red (blackspot) seabream	SBR	*Pagellus bogaraveo*	I to XIV
Forkbeards	GFB	*Phycis spp.*	I to XIV
Wreckfish	WRF	*Polyprion americanus*	I to XIV
Round skate	RJY	*Raja fyllae*	I to XIV
Arctic skate	RJG	*Raja hyperborea*	I to XIV
Norwegian skate	JAD	*Raja nidarosiensus*	I to XIV
Greenland halibut	GHL	*Rheinhardtius hippoglossoides*	I to XIV

Stock (common name)	FAO code	Scientific Name	ICES subareas
Straightnose rabbitfish	RCT	*Rhinochimaera atlantica*	I to XIV
Knifetooth dogfish	SYR	*Scymnodon ringens*	I to XIV
Small redfish (Norway haddock)	SFV	*Sebastes viviparus*	I to XIV
Greenland shark	GSK	*Somniosus microcephalus*	I to XIV
Spiny (Deep-sea) Scorpionfish	TJX	*Trachyscorpia cristulata*	I to XIV