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COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2024/2591

of 10 September 2024

on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029)

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) The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau ⁽¹⁾ ('the Agreement'), approved by means of Council Regulation (EC) No 241/2008 ⁽²⁾, entered into force on 15 April 2008. The Agreement is renewed automatically and remains in force. The Protocol thereto, which sets out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement, expired on 14 June 2024.
- (2) On 14 February 2024, the Council adopted a Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with Guinea-Bissau for the conclusion of a new Protocol implementing the Agreement.
- (3) The Commission has negotiated, on behalf of the Union, a new Protocol implementing the Agreement. As a result of those negotiations, the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029) ('the Protocol') was initialled on 16 May 2024.
- (4) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2024/2588 ⁽³⁾, the Protocol was signed on 18 September 2024, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (5) The fishing opportunities provided for in the Protocol, established in line with the scientific advice and the recommendations of the Joint Scientific Committee and in accordance with the recommendations and resolutions adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, should be allocated among Member States for the entire period of its application.
- (6) These measures are urgent given the economic importance of Union fishing activities in Guinea-Bissau's fishing zone and the need to keep to a minimum any interruption of those activities. The Protocol will therefore apply on a provisional basis as from the date it is signed in order to allow Union vessels to carry out their fishing activity as soon as possible. This Regulation should therefore apply from the same date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Fishing opportunities

The fishing opportunities established under the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029) shall be allocated among the Member States pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 of this Regulation, throughout the period of application of the Protocol.

Article 2

Demersal species

The fishing opportunities for demersal species shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 342, 27.12.2007, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 241/2008 of 17 March 2008 on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (OJ L 75, 18.3.2008, p. 49).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2024/2588 of 10 September 2024 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029) (OJ L, 2024/2588, 3.10.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/2588/oj>).

(a) shrimp freezer trawlers:

Spain: 2 500 GRT;
Greece: 140 GRT;
Portugal: 1 060 GRT;

(b) fin-fish and cephalopod freezer trawlers:

Spain: 2 900 GRT;
Greece: 225 GRT;
Italy: 375 GRT.

*Article 3***Highly migratory species**

The fishing opportunities for highly migratory species, as defined in Article 4, point (1)(b), of the Protocol, shall be allocated as follows:

(a) tuna freezer seiners and surface longliners:

Spain: 14 vessels;
France: 12 vessels;
Portugal: 2 vessels;

(b) pole-and-line tuna vessels:

Spain: 10 vessels;
France: 3 vessels.

*Article 4***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*. It shall apply from 18 September 2024.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 September 2024.

For the Council

The President

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