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reopening the fishery for cod in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 by vessels flying the flag of France, by repealing Regulation (EU) 2024/2870

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) On 10 October 2024, France notified the Commission, pursuant to Article 35(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, of its decision to prohibit fishing for cod in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 as from 26 July 2024.

(3) Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2870 ([3]) prohibited fishing for cod in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 for vessels flying the flag of France.

(4) According to the information received by the Commission on 7 November 2024 from the French authorities, a quantity is still available to France for the quota for that stock. Consequently, the fishery for cod in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 by vessels flying the flag of or registered in France should be reopened until further notice.

(5) That reopening of fishery should take effect on 7 November 2024, in order to allow the quantity of cod in question to be fished before the end of the current year.

(6) Regulation (EU) 2024/2870 should therefore be repealed with effect from 7 November 2024.

(7) Such retroactive application does not affect the principle of legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations as a quota is still available for that stock,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The fishery for cod in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 for the 2024 fishing season by vessels flying the flag of or registered in France referred to in the Annex is reopened.

Regulation (EU) 2024/2870 is repealed.

([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).
([3]) Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2870 of 6 November 2024 establishing a fisheries closure for cod in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 for vessels flying the flag of France (OJ L, 2024/2870, 11.11.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2870/oj).

Article 2

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 7 November 2024.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2025.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Costas KADIS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

No	25/TQ257 – Reopening
Member State	France
Stock	COD/1N2AB.
Species	Cod (*Gadus morhua*)
Zone	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2
Closing date	26 July 2024
Reopening date	7 November 2024