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reopening the fishery for Greenland halibut in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 by vessels flying the flag of France, by repealing Regulation (EU) 2024/2826

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 Greenland halibut in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 as from 26 July 2024.

(3) Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2826 ([3]) prohibited fishing for Greenland halibut in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 for vessels flying the flag of France.

(4) According to the information received by the Commission on 8 November 2024 from the French authorities, a quantity is again available to France for the quota for that stock following exchanges of fishing opportunities concluded under Article 16(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([4]). Consequently, the fishery for Greenland halibut 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 8 November 2024, in order to allow the quantity of Greenland halibut in question to be fished before the end of the current year.

(6) Regulation (EU) 2024/2826 should therefore be repealed with effect from 8 November 2024.

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

([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) 2024/2826 of 28 October 2024 establishing a fisheries closure for Greenland halibut in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 for vessels flying the flag of France (OJ L, 2024/2826, 5.11.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2826/oj).
([4]) Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The fishery for Greenland halibut 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) 2024/2826 is repealed.

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 8 November 2024.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 2024.

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

ANNEX

No	23/TQ257 – Reopening
Member State	France
Stock	GHL/1N2AB.
Species	Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*)
Zone	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2
Closing date	26 July 2024
Reopening date	8 November 2024