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amending Regulation (EU) 2019/833 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 as regards new mesh sizes in cod fishery and the observer report template

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/833 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation, amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2115/2005 and (EC) No 1386/2007 ([1]), and in particular Article 50(1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Union is party to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (the NAFO Convention), approved by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 ([2]).

(2) Regulation (EU) 2019/833 implements the NAFO conservation and enforcement measures ('CEM') into Union law.

(3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 ([3]) supplements Regulation (EU) 2019/833 with a number of additional NAFO conservation and enforcement measures.

(4) At its annual meeting in September 2024, the NAFO amended its CEM by adding new mesh sizes in cod fishery and amending the observer report template.

(5) These amendments should be implemented into Union law. Therefore, Regulation (EU) 2019/833 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 13, paragraph 2, of Regulation (EU) 2019/833, the following point (g) is added:

'(g) for cod (COD) in Divisions 3L and 3M: 155 mm or 130 mm when using the sorting grid referred to in Article 14(3a).'.

([1]) OJ L 141, 28.5.2019, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/833/oj.
([2]) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 of 28 December 1978 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (OJ L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1978/3179/oj).
([3]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 of 15 October 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/833 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down conservation and enforcement measures applicable in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (OJ L 34 I, 6.2.2020, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/124/oj).

Article 2

The Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 21 November 2024.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

The Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/124 is amended as follows:

(1) Point 13, Annex I.D to the CEM referred to in Article 16(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2019/833 is replaced by the following:

'Minimum Fish Size (*)

Species	Gilled and gutted fish whether or not skinned; fresh or chilled, frozen, or salted			
	Whole	Head Off	Head and Tail Off	Head Off and Split
Atlantic Cod	41 cm (***)	27 cm	22 cm	27/25 cm (**)
Greenland halibut	30 cm	N/A	N/A	N/A
American plaice	25 cm	19 cm	15 cm	N/A
Yellowtail flounder	25 cm	19 cm	15 cm	N/A

(*) Fish size refers to fork length for Atlantic cod; whole length for other species.
(**) Lower size for green salted fish.
(***) 43 cm in 3L.';

(2) in Point 35, Observer report in Annex II.M to the CEM referred to in points (a) of Article 27(11) Regulation (EU) 2019/833, in the Standardised Observer Report Template, under Point 1.1., Annex II.M Standardised Observer Trip Report information, Part 3 is replaced by the following:

'**Part 3. Trip Observations**

Enter observation on:

Observations	Y/N	Details
Any instance of obstruction, intimidation, interference with or otherwise prevention of the observer from performing his/her duties.		
Summary of potential non-compliance with the CEM (please include references)		
Functioning of the satellite tracking device (report all interruptions, interference and malfunctions)		
Transshipments (report all)		
At-Sea Inspections (report dates, times and any other observation)		
Waste or other marine debris (include discharging vessel, lat/long, date/time, and description of waste)		
Any other observation'		