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Fisheries subject to the landing obligation:

Fishing gear (1)(2)	Mesh size	Species concerned
Trawls: OTB, OTT, OT, PTB, PT, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, TX, SDN, SSC, SPR, TB, SX, SV	≥ 100 mm	In 2017 and 2018: all catches of saithe (if caught by a saithe targeting vessel (3)), plaice, haddock, whiting, cod, Northern prawn, common sole and Norway lobster.
Trawls: OTB, OTT, OT, PTB, PT, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, TX, SDN, SSC, SPR, TB, SX, SV	70-99mm	In 2017 and 2018: all catches of Norway lobster, common sole, haddock and Northern prawn In 2018: all catches of whiting.
Trawls: OTB, OTT, OT, PTB, PT, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TMS, TM, TX, SDN, SSC, SPR, TB, SX, SV	32-69mm	In 2017 and 2018: All catches of Northern prawn, Norway lobster, common sole, haddock and whiting.
Beam trawls: TBB	≥ 120mm	In 2017 and 2018: All catches of plaice, Northern prawn, Norway lobster, common sole, cod, haddock and whiting.
Beam trawls: TBB	80-119mm	In 2017 and 2018: All catches of common sole, Northern prawn, Norway lobster and haddock. In 2018: all catches of whiting.
Gillnets, trammel nets and entangling nets: GN, GNS, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN, GNF		In 2017 and 2018: All catches of common sole, Northern prawn, Norway lobster, haddock, whiting and cod (4)

Hooks and lines: LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX, LHP, LHM		In 2017 and 2018: All catches of hake, Northern prawn, Norway lobster, common sole, haddock, whiting and cod
Traps: FPO, FIX, FYK, FPN		In 2017 and 2018: All catches of Norway lobster, Northern prawn, common sole, haddock and whiting.

(1) Gear codes used in this Table refer to those codes in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 404/2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common fisheries policy.

(2) For the vessels whose LOA is less than 10 metres gear codes used in this table refer to the codes from the FAO gear classification.

(3) Vessels are considered as saithe targeting if, when using trawls with mesh size $\geq 100\text{mm}$, they have had annual average landings of saithe of $\geq 50\%$ of all landings by the vessel taken in both EU and third country zone of the North Sea over the period of $x-4$ to $x-2$ where x is the year of application; i.e. 2012-2014 for 2016, 2013-2015 for 2017 and 2014-2016 for 2018. If a vessel has been considered as a saithe targeting vessel in one year it shall continue to be considered as such in the following years.

(4) The landing obligation for cod caught with gillnets, trammel nets and entangling nets shall not apply in ICES area IIIaS.