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COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...

**amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2374 establishing a discard plan
for certain demersal fisheries in South-Western waters**

Fisheries subject to the landing obligation

1. Common sole (*Solea solea*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| ICES divisions VIIIa, b, d and e | OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX | All Bottom Trawls | Mesh size between 70 mm and 100 mm wide | All catches of common sole |
| | TBB | All Beam trawls | Mesh size between 70 mm and 100 mm wide | |
| | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN | All Trammel nets & Gill nets | Mesh size larger or equal to 100 mm wide | |

2. Common sole (*Solea solea*) and plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ICES division IXa | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN | All Trammel nets & Gill nets | Mesh size larger or equal to 100 mm | All catches of common sole and plaice |

3. Hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| ICES divisions VIIIa, b, d and e | OTT, OTB, PTB, SDN, OT, PT, TBN, TBS, TX, SSC, SPR, TB, SX, SV | All Bottom Trawls & Seines | Mesh size larger or equal to 100 mm wide | All catches of hake |
| | LL, LLS | All Long lines | All | |
| | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GEN | All Gill Nets | Mesh size larger or equal to 100 mm wide | |
| ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa | OTT, OTB, PTB, OT, PT, TBN, TBS, TX, SSC, SPR, TB, SDN, SX, SV | All Bottom Trawls and Seines | Vessels which fulfils the following cumulative criteria: 1. Use mesh size larger or equal to 70 mm 2. Total hake landings in the period 2014/2015 ⁽¹⁾ consist of: more than 5% of all landed species and more than 5 metric tons. | All catches of hake |
| | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GEN | All Gill Nets | Mesh size between 80 and 99 mm wide | |
| | LL, LLS | All Long lines | Hook size bigger than 3,85 cm +/-1,15 cm length and 1,6 cm +/-0,4 cm width | |

⁽¹⁾ Reference period for the year 2017. For 2018 the reference period shall be 2015/ 2016 and for 2019 the reference period shall be 2016/ 2017.

4. Anglerfish (*Lophiidae*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| ICES divisions VIIIa, b, d and e | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GEN, GTR | All Trammel nets and Gill Nets | Mesh size larger of equal to 170 mm wide | All catches of anglerfish |
| ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GEN, GTR | All Trammel nets and Gill Nets | Mesh size larger of equal to 170 mm wide | All catches of anglerfish |

5. Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|---|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ICES divisions VIIIa, b, d and e (only inside functional units) | OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX | All Bottom Trawls | Mesh size larger or equal to 70 mm | All catches of Norway lobster |
| ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa (only inside functional units) | OTB, PTB, OTT, TBN, TBS, OT, PT, TX TB | All Bottom Trawls | Mesh size larger or equal to 70 mm | All catches of Norway lobster |

6. Black scabbardfish (*Aphanopus carbo*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|---|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| ICES divisions VIIIc, IX, X and CECAF zone 34.1.2 | LLS, DWS | Deepwater set-longlines | - | All catches of black scabbardfish where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2014 and 2015 ⁽¹⁾ consisted of more than 20% of black scabbardfish |

7. Red seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--|---|
| ICES division IX | LLS, DWS | Deepwater set-longlines | Hook size bigger than 3,95 cm length and 1,65 cm width | All catches of red seabream where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2014 and 2015 ⁽¹⁾ consisted of more than 20% of red seabream |

8. Blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) fisheries

| Fishing zones | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Species to be landed |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa | OTT, OTB, PTB, OT, PT, TBN, TBS, TX, SSC, SPR, TB, SDN, SX, SV | All Bottom Trawls and Seines | All | All catches of blue whiting |

⁽¹⁾ Reference period for the year 2017. For 2018 the reference period shall be 2015/ 2016 and for 2019 the reference period shall be 2016/ 2017.