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ANNEX 1

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**to the**

**Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) .../....**

**establishing a discard plan for certain demersal and deep sea fisheries in North-Western  
waters**

## Fisheries subject to the landing obligation

a) Fisheries in Union and International waters of ICES subarea VI and division Vb

Fishery	Gear Code	Fishing gear description	Mesh Size	Species to be landed
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ), Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	All	All catches of haddock and by-catches of sole, plaice and megrims where total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 5% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined
Norway lobster ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, FPO, TBN, TB, TBS, OTM, PTM, SX, SV, FIX, OT, PT, TX	Trawls, Seines, Pots, Traps & Creels	All	All catches of Norway lobster and by-catches of haddock, sole, plaice and megrim where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 5% of Norway lobster.
Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls	≥100mm	All catches of saithe where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 50% of saithe.
Black scabbardfish ( <i>Aphanopus carbo</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB,	Trawls & Seines	≥100mm	All catches of black scabbardfish where total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 20% of black

\* Vessels listed as subject to the landing obligation in this fishery in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2375 remain on the list indicated in Article 4 of this Regulation despite the change in the reference period and continue being subject to the landing obligation in this fishery.

	SX, SV, OT, PT, TX			scabbardfish.
Blue ling ( <i>Molva dypterygia</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	≥100mm	All catches of blue ling where total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 20% of blue ling.
Grenadiers ( <i>Coryphaeides rupestris</i> , <i>Macrourus berglax</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	≥100mm	All catches of grenadiers where total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 20% of grenadiers.

b) Fisheries in ICES subareas VI and VII and Union and International waters of ICES division Vb

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear description</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	All	All catches of hake where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 10% of hake.
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Gill Nets	All	All catches of hake
Hake ( <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> )	LL, LLS, LLD, LX, LTL, LHP, LHM	All Long lines	All	All catches of hake

c) Fisheries in ICES subarea VII

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear description</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Norway lobster	OTB SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR,	Trawls, Seines, Pots,	All	All catches of Norway lobster where the total

<i>(Nephrops norvegicus)</i>	FPO, TBN, TB, TBS, OTM, PTM, SX, SV, FIX, OT, PT, TX	Traps & Creels		landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 10% of Norway lobster
Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls	≥100mm	All catches of saithe where the total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 50% of saithe.

d) Fisheries in ICES division VIIa

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ), Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls & Seines	All	All catches of haddock where total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 10% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined

e) Fisheries in ICES division VIIId

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	TBB	All Beam trawls	All	All catches of common sole
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	OTT, OTB, TBS, TBN, TB, PTB, OT, PT, TX	Trawls	<100 mm	All catches of common sole
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Trammel nets & Gill nets	All	All catches of common sole

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ), Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTB, SSC, OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	Trawls and Seines	All	All catches of whiting, where total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 10% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined

f) Fisheries in ICES division VIIe

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	TBB	All Beam trawls	All	All catches of common sole
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Trammel nets & Gill nets	All	All catches of common sole

g) Fisheries in ICES divisions VIId and VIIe

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Trammel nets and Gill nets	All	All catches of pollack

h) Fisheries in ICES divisions VIIb, VIIc and VIIf – VIIk

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	TBB	All Beam trawls	All	All catches of common sole
Common Sole ( <i>Solea solea</i> )	GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN	All Trammel nets & Gill nets	All	All catches of common sole

i) Fisheries in ICES divisions VIIb, VIIc, VIIe and VIIf – VIIk

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Gear Code</b>	<b>Fishing gear</b>	<b>Mesh Size</b>	<b>Species to be landed</b>
Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ),	OTB, SSC,	Trawls	All	All catches of whiting

Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> ), Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> ) and Saithe ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )	OTT, PTB, SDN, SPR, TBN, TBS, OTM, PTM, TB, SX, SV, OT, PT, TX	& Seines	where total landings per vessel of all species in 2015 and 2016* consisted of more than 10% of the following gadoids: cod, haddock, whiting and saithe combined.
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