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Fisheries subject to the landing obligation

a) Fisheries in ICES divisions VIIIa, b, d and e

| Fishery (species) | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Landing Obligation |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Common sole (Solea solea) | OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX | All Bottom Trawls | Mesh size between 70 mm and100 mm wide | All catches of common sole are subject to the landing obligation. |
| | ТВВ | All Beam trawls | Mesh size between 70 mm and100 mm wide | |
| | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN | All Trammel nets & Gill nets | Mesh size larger or equal to 100 mm wide | |
| Hake (Merluccius merluccius) | 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 are subject to the landing obligation. |
| | LL, LLS | All Long lines | All | |
| | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GEN | All Gill Nets | Mesh size larger or equal to 100 mm wide | |

| Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus) | 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 are subject to the |
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| only inside functional units | , , | | | landing obligation. |

b) Fisheries in ICES divisions VIIIc and IXa

| Fishery (species) | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Landing Obligation |
|---|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus) 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 are subject to the landing obligation. |

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| Hake (Merluccius merluccius) | 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 | All catches of hake are subject to the landing obligation. |
| | | | 2. Total hake landings in the period 2013/2014 ³ consist of: more than 10% of all landed species and more than 10 metric tons. | |
| | GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GEN | All Gill Nets | Vessels which fulfils the following cumulative criteria: | |
| | | | 1. Use mesh size between 80 and 99 mm wide | |
| | | | 2. Total hake landings in the period 2013/2014 ³ consist of more than 10% of all landed species and more than 10 metric tons. | |
| | LL, LLS | All Long lines | Vessels which fulfils the following cumulative criteria: | |
| | | | 1. Hook size bigger than 3,85+/-1,15 length and 1,6+/-0,4 width ² | |
| | | | 2. Total hake landings in the period 2013/2014 ³ consist of more than 10% of all landed species and more than 10 metric tons. | |

c) Fisheries in ICES division IXa

| Fishery (species) | Gear Code | Fishing gear description | Mesh Size | Landing Obligation |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Common sole (Solea solea) and plaice (Pleuronectes platessa) | GND, GNC, | | Mesh size larger or equal to 100 mm | All catches of common sole and plaice are subject to the landing obligation. |