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amending Regulation (EU) 2016/72 as regards certain fishing opportunities

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) No 2016/72¹ fixes for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2016/72 fixes the total allowable catch (TAC) for sandeel at zero. Sandeel is a short-lived species and scientific advice only became available on 22 February, while the fishery starts in April. The catch limits for this species should now be amended in line with the scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). According to ICES, real-time monitoring is scientifically suitable for establishing the abundance of sandeel in management area 1, and results could be used to re-evaluate that scientific advice and to set an in-year TAC. However, that requires sufficient data (catches and biological sampling). The catch limit for sandeel in management area 1 should thus be set at a level allowing the collection of sufficient data on stock abundance.
- (3) According to the scientific advice from ICES, catches of small-eyed ray within ICES divisions VIIId and VIIe-k and of blonde ray within ICES subarea IV should be reduced. As a consequence, local management measures limiting catches and providing better scientific information should be developed. ICES advised that in divisions VIIf and VIIg catches of small-eyed ray should be limited to no more than 188 tonnes. Therefore, it is appropriate to modify the corresponding fishing opportunities tables to allow for such catches and landings and to adapt the reporting provisions accordingly.

¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2016/72 of 22 January 2016 fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2015/104 (OJ L 22, 28.1.2016, p. 1).

- (4) According to the scientific advice from ICES, the total catches for horse mackerel and associated by-catches in Union waters of ICES divisions IIa and IVa, subarea VI, divisions VIIa-c, VIIe-k, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe, Union and international waters of Vb and international waters of subareas XII and XIV should be fixed at 108 868 tonnes. Therefore, it is appropriate to correct the initial TAC in the fishing opportunities table in order to allow for an increased level of catches corresponding to the scientific advice from ICES.
- (5) Annex IB to Regulation (EU) No 2016/72 provides that the fishing opportunities table for by-catches in Greenland waters should be corrected to allow for proper reporting of those by-catches.
- (6) In the light of consultations with Norway, it is appropriate to allocate 25 000 tonnes of blue whiting to Norway in exchange for Arctic cod and haddock, ling and some other species.
- (7) The quota allocations for cod in ICES subarea I and division IIb established in Annex IB to Regulation (EU) No 2016/72 should be corrected to respect the quota distribution set out in Council Decision 87/277/EEC¹.
- (8) A reporting code needs to be included in Annex IF to Regulation (EU) No 2016/72 for by-catches of orange roughy in SEAFO Sub-Division B1.
- (9) At its fourth annual meeting in 2016, the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) fixed a TAC for jack mackerel. That measure should be implemented in the Union law.

¹ Council Decision 87/277/EEC of 18 May 1987 on the allocation of the catch possibilities for cod in the Spitsbergen and Bear Island area and in Division 3M as defined in the NAFO Convention (OJ L 135, 23.5.1987, p. 29).

- (10) An error should be corrected in Appendix I to Annex IIa to Regulation (EU) 2016/72 regarding the maximum allowable fishing effort in kilowatt days for the Netherlands in the North Sea for the regulated gear BT1.
- (11) The number of fishing authorisations to be granted to Venezuela for vessels fishing for snappers in French Guiana waters and the maximum number of vessels that may be present at any time need to be established in Annex VIII to Regulation (EU) No 2016/72.
- (12) The catch limits provided for in Regulation (EU) No 2016/72 apply from 1 January 2016. The provisions of this Regulation concerning catch limits should therefore also apply from that date. Such retroactive application is without prejudice to the principles of legal certainty and protection of legitimate expectations as the fishing opportunities concerned have not yet been exhausted.
- (13) Regulation (EU) No 2016/72 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Regulation (EU) 2016/72, the Annexes IA, IB, IF, IJ and VIII are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2016.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

1. Annex IA to Regulation (EU) 2016/72 is amended as follows:

(a) the fishing opportunities table for sandeel in Union waters of IIa, IIIa and IV is replaced by the following table:

"Species: Sandeel <i>Ammodytes</i> spp.	Zone: Union waters of IIa, IIIa and IV ⁽¹⁾
Denmark	82 273 ⁽²⁾ Analytical TAC
United Kingdom	1 799 ⁽²⁾ Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Germany	126 ⁽²⁾ Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Sweden	3 021 ⁽²⁾
Union	87 219

TAC 87 219

(1) Excluding waters within six nautical miles of the UK baselines at Shetland, Fair Isle and Foula.

(2) Without prejudice to the landing obligation catches of dab, whiting and mackerel may be counted against up to 2 % of the quota (OT1/*2A3A4), provided that not more than 9 % in total of this quota for sandeel is accounted for by these catches and by-catches of those species that are accounted for under Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following sandeel management areas, as defined in Annex IID:

Zone: Union waters of sandeel management areas

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	(SAN/234_1)	(SAN/234_2)	(SAN/234_3)	(SAN/234_4)	(SAN/234_5)	(SAN/234_6)	(SAN/234_7)
Denmark	12 263	4 717	59 428	5 659	0	206	0
United Kingdom	268	103	1 299	124	0	5	0
Germany	19	7	91	9	0	0	0
Sweden	450	173	2 182	208	0	8	0
Union	13 000	5 000	63 000	6 000	0	219	0
Total	13 000	5 000	63 000	6 000	0	219	0

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- (b) the fishing opportunities table for blue whiting in Union and international waters of I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc, VIIIe, XII and XIV is replaced by the following table:

"Species: Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>		Zone: Union and international waters of I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc, VIIIe, XII and XIV (WHB/1X14)
Denmark	31 704 ⁽³⁾	Analytical TAC
Germany	12 327 ⁽³⁾	
Spain	26 878 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	
France	22 063 ⁽³⁾	
Ireland	24 550 ⁽³⁾	
The Netherlands	38 659 ⁽³⁾	
Portugal	2 497 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	
Sweden	7 842 ⁽³⁾	
United Kingdom	41 137 ⁽³⁾	
Union	207 657 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	
Norway	75 000	
Faroe Islands	9 000	
TAC	Not relevant	
(1)	Special condition: from the Union quotas in Union and international waters of I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc, VIIIe, XII and XIV (WHB/*NZJM1) and in VIIIc, IX and X; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/*NZJM2), the following quantity may be fished in the Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen: 149 506	
(2)	Transfers of this quota may be effected to VIIIc, IX and X; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.	
(3)	Special condition: within a total access quantity of 21 500 tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/*05-F.): 9,2 %	

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(c) the fishing opportunities table for ling in Norwegian waters of IV is replaced by the following table:

"Species: Ling <i>Molva molva</i>		Zone: Norwegian waters of IV (LIN/04-N.)
Belgium	9	Analytical TAC
Denmark	1 164	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Germany	33	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	13	
The Netherlands	2	
United Kingdom	104	
Union	1 325	
TAC	Not relevant	

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(d) the fishing opportunities table for "other species" in Norwegian waters of IV is replaced by the following table:

Species: Other species		Zone: Norwegian waters of IV (OTH/04-N.)
Belgium	46	Precautionary TAC
Denmark	4 250	
Germany	479	
France	197	
The Netherlands	340	
Sweden	Not ⁽¹⁾ relevant	
United Kingdom	3 188	
Union	8 500 ⁽²⁾	
TAC	Not relevant	
<p>(1) Quota allocated by Norway to Sweden of "other species" at a traditional level.</p> <p>(2) Including fisheries not specifically mentioned. Exceptions may be introduced after consultations, as appropriate.</p>		

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(e) the fishing opportunities table for skates and rays in Union waters of IIa and IV is replaced by the following table:

Species: Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone: Union waters of IIa and IV (SRX/2AC4-C)
Belgium	221 (1) (2) (3) Precautionary TAC
Denmark	9 (1) (2) (3)
Germany	11 (1) (2) (3)
France	35 (1) (2) (3)
The Netherlands	188 (1) (2) (3)
United Kingdom	849 (1) (2) (3)
Union	1 313 (1) (3)
TAC	1 313 (3)

(1) Catches of blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) in Union waters of IV (RJH/04-C.), cuckoo ray (*Leucoraja naevus*) (RJN/2AC4-C), thornback ray (*Raja clavata*) (RJC/2AC4-C) and spotted ray (*Raja montagui*) (RJM/2AC4-C) shall be reported separately.

(2) By-catch quota. These species shall not comprise more than 25 % by live weight of the catch retained on board per fishing trip. This condition applies only to vessels over 15 metres' length overall. This provision shall not apply for catches subject to the landing obligation as set out in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

(3) Shall not apply to blonde ray (*Raja brachyura*) in Union waters of IIa and small-eyed ray (*Raja microocellata*) in Union waters of IIa and IV. When accidentally caught, these species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species.

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(f) the fishing opportunities table for skates and rays in Union waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k is replaced by the following table:

"Species: Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone: Union waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k (SRX/67AKXD)
Belgium	725 (1) (2) (3)(4) Precautionary TAC
Estonia	4 (1) (2) (3)(4) Article 12(1) of this Regulation applies
France	3 255 (1) (2) (3)(4)
Germany	10 (1) (2) (3)(4)
Ireland	1 048 (1) (2) (3)(4)
Lithuania	17 (1) (2) (3)(4)
The Netherlands	3 (1) (2) (3)(4)
Portugal	18 (1) (2) (3)(4)
Spain	876 (1) (2) (3)(4)
United Kingdom	2 076 (1) (2) (3)(4)
Union	8 032 (1) (2) (3)(4)
TAC	8 032 (3)(4)
(1)	Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/67AKXD), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/67AKXD), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/67AKXD), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/67AKXD), sandy ray (<i>Raja circularis</i>) (RJI/67AKXD) and shagreen ray (<i>Raja fullonica</i>) (RJE/67AKXD) shall be reported separately.
(2)	Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIId (SRX/*07D.), without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 13 and 46 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/*07D.), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/*07D.), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/*07D.), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/*07D.), sandy ray (<i>Raja circularis</i>) (RJI/*07D.) and shagreen ray (<i>Raja fullonica</i>) (RJE/*07D.) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) and undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>).
(3)	Shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>), except in Union waters of VIIf and VIIg. When accidentally caught, this species shall not be harmed. Specimens shall be promptly released. Fishermen shall be encouraged to develop and use techniques and equipment to facilitate the rapid and safe release of the species. Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of small-eyed ray in Union waters of VIIf and VIIg (RJE/7FG.) provided below may be taken:

Species:	Small-eyed ray <i>Raja microocellata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIIf and VIIg (RJE/7FG.)
Belgium	17	Precautionary TAC	
Estonia	0		
France	76		
Germany	0		
Ireland	25		
Lithuania	0		
The Netherlands	0		
Portugal	0		
Spain	21		
United Kingdom	49		
Union	188		
TAC	188		

Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIId and reported under the following code: (RJE/*07D.). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 13 and 46 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein.

- (4) Shall not apply to undulate ray (*Raja undulata*). This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in area VIIe may only be landed whole or gutted, and provided that it does not comprise more than 40 kilograms live weight per fishing trip. The catches shall remain under the quotas shown in the table below. The former provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 13 and 46 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. By-catches of undulate ray shall be reported separately under the following code: (RJu/67AKXD). Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of undulate ray given below may be taken:

Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIIe (RJU/67AKXD)
Belgium	9	Precautionary TAC	
Estonia	0		
France	41		
Germany	0		
Ireland	13		
Lithuania	0		
The Netherlands	0		
Portugal	0		
Spain	11		
United Kingdom	26		
Union	100		
TAC	100		

Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIIId and reported under the following code: (RJU/*07D.). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 13 and 46 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein.

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(g) the fishing opportunities table for skates and rays in Union waters of VIId is replaced by the following table:

Species:	Skates and rays <i>Rajiformes</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIId (SRX/07D.)
Belgium	87	(1) (2) (3)	Precautionary TAC
France	729	(1) (2) (3)	
The Netherlands	5	(1) (2) (3)	
United Kingdom	145	(1) (2) (3)	
Union	966	(1) (2) (3)	
TAC	966	(3)	
(1)	Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/07D.), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/07D.), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/07D.), spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/07D.) and small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) (RJE/07D.) shall be reported separately.		
(2)	Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIa, VIb, VIIa-c and VIIe-k (SRX/*67AKD). Catches of cuckoo ray (<i>Leucoraja naevus</i>) (RJN/*67AKD), thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) (RJC/*67AKD), blonde ray (<i>Raja brachyura</i>) (RJH/*67AKD) and spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) (RJM/*67AKD) shall be reported separately. This special condition shall not apply to small-eyed ray (<i>Raja microocellata</i>) and to undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>).		
(3)	Shall not apply to undulate ray (<i>Raja undulata</i>). This species shall not be targeted in the areas covered by this TAC. In cases where it is not subject to the landing obligation, by-catch of undulate ray in the area covered by this TAC may only be landed whole or gutted, and provided that it does not comprise more than 40 kilograms live weight per fishing trip. The catches shall remain under the quotas shown in the table below. The former provisions are without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 13 and 46 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein. By-catches of undulate ray shall be reported separately under the following code: (RJU/07D.). Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities of undulate ray given below may be taken:		
Species:	Undulate ray <i>Raja undulata</i>	Zone:	Union waters of VIId (RJU/07D.)
Belgium	1		Precautionary TAC
France	9		
The Netherlands	0		
United Kingdom	2		
Union	12		
TAC	12		
Special condition: of which up to 5 % may be fished in Union waters of VIIe and reported under the following code: (RJU/*67AKD). This special condition is without prejudice to the prohibitions set out in Articles 13 and 46 of this Regulation for the areas specified therein.			

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- (h) the fishing opportunities table for horse mackerel and associated by-catches in Union waters of IIa, IVa; VI, VIIa-c, VIIe-k, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; Union and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV is replaced by the following table:

"Species:	Horse mackerel and associated by-catches	Zone:	Union waters of IIa, IVa; VI, VIIa-c, VIIe-k, VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIIIe; Union and international waters of Vb; international waters of XII and XIV (JAX/2A-14)
	<i>Trachurus</i> spp.		
Denmark	10 629	(1) (3)	Analytical TAC
Germany	8 294	(1) (2) (3)	
Spain	11 312	(3) (5)	
France	4 269	(1) (2) (3) (5)	
Ireland	27 621	(1) (3)	
The Netherlands	33 276	(1) (2) (3)	
Portugal	1 090	(3) (5)	
Sweden	675	(1) (3)	
United Kingdom	10 002	(1) (2) (3)	
Union	107 168		
Faroe Islands	1 700	(4)	
TAC	108 868		
(1)	Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota fished in Union waters of IIa or IVa before 30 June 2016 may be accounted for as fished under the quota concerning the zone of Union waters of IVb, IVc and VIIc (JAX/*4BC7D).		
(2)	Special condition: up to 5 % of this quota may be fished in VIIc (JAX/*07D.). Under this special condition, and in accordance with footnote (3), by-catches of boarfish and whiting shall be reported separately under the following code: (OTH/*07D.).		
(3)	Without prejudice to the landing obligation, catches of boarfish, whiting and mackerel may be counted against up to 5 % of the quota (OTH/*2A-14), provided that not more than 9 % in total of this quota for horse mackerel is accounted for by these catches and by-catches of those species that are accounted for under Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.		
(4)	Limited to IVa, VIa (north of 56° 30' N only), VIIe, f, h.		
(5)	Special condition: up to 50% of this quota may be fished in VIIc (JAX/*08C2). Under this special condition, and in accordance with footnote (3), by-catches of boarfish and whiting shall be reported separately under the following code: (OTH/*08C2).		

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2. Annex IB to Regulation (EU) 2016/72 is amended as follows:

- (a) the fishing opportunities table for cod in Norwegian waters of I and II is replaced by the following table:

"Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of I and II (COD/IN2AB.)
Germany	2 405	Analytical TAC	
Greece	298	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	2 682	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Ireland	298		
France	2 207		
Portugal	2 682		
United Kingdom	9 328		
Union	19 900		
TAC	Not relevant		

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(b) the fishing opportunities table for cod in I and IIb is replaced by the following table:

"Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	I and IIb (COD/1/2B.)
Germany	6 593 ⁽³⁾	Analytical TAC	
Spain	13 192 ⁽³⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	3 122 ⁽³⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Poland	2 728 ⁽³⁾		
Portugal	2 643 ⁽³⁾		
United Kingdom	4 403 ⁽³⁾		
Other Member States	495 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾		
Union	33 176 ⁽²⁾		
TAC	Not relevant		
(1)	Except Germany, Spain, France, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.		
(2)	The allocation of the share of the cod stock available to the Union in the zone Spitzbergen and Bear Island and the associated by-catches of haddock are entirely without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.		
(3)	By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14 % per haul. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the quota for cod.		

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(c) the fishing opportunities table for haddock in Norwegian waters of I and II is replaced by the following table:

"Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of I and II (HAD/1N2AB.)
Germany	267	Analytical TAC	
France	160	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
United Kingdom	820	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	1 247		
TAC	Not relevant		

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- (d) the fishing opportunities table for other species (by-catch) in Greenland waters is replaced by the following table:

"Species:	By-catches ⁽¹⁾	Zone:	Greenland waters (B-C/GRL)
Union	1 126	Precautionary TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

⁽¹⁾ By-catches of grenadiers (*Macrourus* spp.) shall be reported in line with the following fishing opportunities tables: grenadiers in Greenland waters of V and XIV (GRV/514GRN) and grenadiers in Greenland waters of NAFO 1 (GRV/N1GRN.)

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3. In Annex IF to Regulation (EU) 2016/72, the fishing opportunities table for orange roughy in SEAFO Sub-Division B1 is replaced by the following table:

"Species:	Orange roughy <i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>	Zone:	SEAFO Sub-Division B1 ⁽¹⁾ (ORY/F47NAM)
TAC	0 ⁽²⁾	Precautionary TAC	

⁽¹⁾ For the purpose of this Annex, the area open to the fishery is defined as having:

- its western boundary on the longitude 0° E,
- its northern boundary on the latitude 20° S,
- its southern boundary on the latitude 28° S, and
- the eastern boundary outer limits of the Namibian EEZ.

⁽²⁾ Except for a by-catch allowance of 4 tonnes (ORY/*F47NA).

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4. In Annex IJ to Regulation (EU) 2016/72, the fishing opportunities table for jack mackerel in the SPRFMO Convention Area is replaced by the following table:

"Species:	Jack mackerel <i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	Zone:	SPRFMO Convention Area (CJM/SPRFMO)
Germany	7 067,15	Analytical TAC	
The Netherlands	7 660,06	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Lithuania	4 917,5	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Poland	8 455,29		
Union	28 100		
TAC	Not relevant		

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5. In point (b) of Appendix 1 to Annex IIA to Regulation (EU) 2016/72, the maximum allowable fishing effort in kilowatt days for the Netherlands for regulated gear BT1 is replaced by "999 808".
6. Annex VIII to Regulation (EU) 2016/72 is replaced by the following:

"ANNEX VIII

QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS OF FISHING AUTHORISATIONS
FOR THIRD-COUNTRY VESSELS FISHING IN UNION WATERS

Flag State	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Maximum number of vessels present at any time
Norway	Herring, north of 62° 00' N	To be established	To be established

Flag State	Fishery	Number of fishing authorisations	Maximum number of vessels present at any time
Faroe Islands	Mackerel, VIa (north of 56° 30' N), IIa, IVa (north of 59° N) Horse mackerel, IV, VIa (north of 56° 30' N), VIIe, VIII, VIIIh	14	14
	Herring, north of 62° 00' N	20	To be established
	Herring, IIIa	4	4
	Industrial fishing for Norway pout, IV, VIa (north of 56° 30' N) (including unavoidable by-catches of blue whiting)	14	14
	Ling and tusk	20	10
	Blue whiting, II, IVa, V, VIa (north of 56° 30' N), VIb, VII (west of 12° 00' W)	20	20
	Blue ling	16	16
	Venezuela ⁽¹⁾	Snappers (French Guiana waters)	45
<p>⁽¹⁾ To issue those fishing authorisations, proof must be produced that a valid contract exists between the ship owner applying for the fishing authorisation and a processing undertaking situated in the Department of French Guiana, and that it includes an obligation to land at least 75 % of all snapper catches from the vessel concerned in that department so that they may be processed in that undertaking's plant. Such a contract must be endorsed by the French authorities, which shall ensure that it is consistent both with the actual capacity of the contracting processing undertaking and with the objectives for the development of the Guianese economy. A copy of the duly endorsed contract shall be appended to the fishing authorisation application. Where such an endorsement is refused, the French authorities shall give notification of this refusal and state their reasons for it to the party concerned and to the Commission.</p>			

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