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On page 12, in Article 3

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- (a) catches with pots (FPO);
- (a) catches with bottom trawls (OTB, OTT, TBN) fitted with:
 - (i) a cod-end equal or larger than 80 mm; or
 - (ii) a cod-end with a mesh size of at least 70 mm equipped with a species selective grid with a bar spacing of maximum 35 mm.'

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On page 15, in Article 10

for: '1. The survivability exemption referred to in Article 15(4)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall apply to mackerel and herring caught in the purse seine fisheries in the Union waters of the North Sea (ICES divisions 2a, 3a and subarea 4), if all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) the catch is released before a certain percentage (set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 below) of the purse seine is closed ('the point of retrieval'),

- (b) the purse seine gear is fitted with a visible buoy clearly marking the limit for the point of retrieval,

the vessel and the purse seine gear are equipped with an electronic recording and documenting system when, where and extent to which the purse seine has been hauled for all fishing operations.'

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