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ANNEX

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ANNEX

Amendments to Annexes to Regulation (EU) 2026/249

(1) Annex IA is amended as follows:

(a) in Part A, Table 23 is replaced by the following:

Table 23	
Species: Sole <i>Solea</i> spp. and <i>Pegusa lascaris</i>	Zone: 8c, 8d, 8e, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (SOO/8CDE34)
Year	Each 2026 and 2027
Spain	185
Portugal	307
Union	492 ⁽¹⁾
TAC	492 ⁽¹⁾
⁽¹⁾ Within the limits of these quotas, no more than the following quantity of common sole (<i>Solea solea</i>) shall be taken (SOL/8CDE34):	
190	

(b) in Part B, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

Table 1						
Species: Sandeel and associated by-catches <i>Ammodytes</i> spp.	Zone: United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; Union waters of 3a SAN/2A3A4. ⁽¹⁾					
Denmark	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾					
Germany	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾					
Sweden	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾					
Union	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾					
United Kingdom	pm					
TAC	pm					
⁽¹⁾ Catches in the different sandeel management areas set out below shall be reported separately.						
⁽²⁾ Up to 2% of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting (OT1/*2A3A4X). By-catches of whiting counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9% of the quota.						
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following sandeel management areas, as defined in Annex III:						
Zone: Union waters of sandeel management areas						
1r	2r	3r	4	5r	6	7r
(SAN/234_1R) ⁽³⁾	(SAN/234_2R) ⁽³⁾	(SAN/234_3R)	(SAN/234_4)	(SAN/234_5R)	(SAN/234_6) ⁽³⁾	(SAN/234_7R)

Denmark	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Germany	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Sweden	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Union	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
United Kingdom	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Total	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm

⁽³⁾ Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall apply
Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall apply

(c) in Part B, Tables 10 and 11 are replaced by the following:

Table 10

Species: Herring ⁽¹⁾ <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone: 3a (HER/03A.)
Denmark	7 344 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ Analytical TAC
Germany	117 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Sweden	7 682 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Union	15 143 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾
Norway	Not relevant
TAC	328 566

⁽¹⁾ Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

⁽²⁾ Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/*03A.) and HER/03A-BC (HER/*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a:

Denmark	554
Germany	8
Sweden	407
Union	969

⁽³⁾ Special condition: up to 50 % of this amount may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4 (HER/*4-UK), and 50 % may be fished in Union waters of 4b (HER/*4B-EU).

Table 11

Species: Herring ⁽¹⁾ <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone: Union, United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53°30'N (HER/4AB.)
Denmark	38 730 Analytical TAC
Germany	25 421 Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	15 874
Netherlands	37 108
Sweden	2 731
Union	119 864
Norway	91 013 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

United Kingdom 59 156
TAC 328 566

- (1) Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.
(2) Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC. Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in Union waters of 4b (HER/*04B-C):
2 700
(3) Special condition: within the limits of this quota, no more than 250 tonnes may be taken in Norwegian and Union waters of 3a (HER/*03A).

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:

Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HER/*4N-S62)

Union	2 700
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(d) in Part B, Tables 57 to 59 are replaced by the following:

Table 57

Species: Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone: Norwegian waters of 2 and 4 (WHB/24-N.)	
Denmark	0	Analytical TAC
Union	0	
TAC	851 344	

Table 58

Species: Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone: United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/1X14)	
Denmark	38 983 (1)	Analytical TAC
Germany	15 157 (1)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Spain	33 049 (1)(2)	
France	27 129 (1)	
Ireland	30 188 (1)	
Netherlands	47 537 (1)	
Portugal	3 070 (1)(2)	
Sweden	9 643 (1)	
Union	204 756 (1)(3)	
Norway	47 905 (4)(5)	
Faroe Islands	Not relevant	
United Kingdom	Not relevant	
TAC	851 344	

- (1) Special condition: within a total access limit of to be established tonnes for the Union, Member States may fish up to the following percentage of their quotas in Faroese waters (WHB/*05-F.): to be established %
- (2) Transfers of this quota may be effected to 8c, 9 and 10 and to Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission.
- (3) Special condition: from the Union quotas in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10 and 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:
pm
- (4) May be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W (WHB/*46AB7-EU).
- (5) Special condition: from the Norwegian quota, the following quantity may be fished in Union waters of 4, 6a North of 56°30'N, 6b and 7 West of 12°W:
pm

Table 59

Species:	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Zone:	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (WHB/8C3411)
Spain	26 242	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	6 561	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Union	32 803 (1)		
TAC	851 344		

- (1) Special condition: from the Union quotas in Union and international waters of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (WHB/*NZJM1) and in 8c, 9 and 10 and 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:
pm

(e) in Part B, Tables 103 to 105 are replaced by the following:

Table 103

Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Zone:	3a; United Kingdom, Union waters of 2a, 3b, 3c; 3d and 4; Norwegian waters 2a and 4a (MAC/2A34-N.)
Belgium	pm (1)(2)	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	pm (1)(2)(4)		
Germany	pm (1)(2)		
France	pm (1)(2)		
Netherlandss	pm (1)(2)		
Sweden	pm (1)(2)(3)		
Union	pm (1)(2)		
TAC	pm		

- (1) Special condition: within the limits of those quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

	3a (MAC/*03A.)	United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c (MAC/*3A4BC)	4b (MAC/*04B.)	4c (MAC/*04C.)	United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14)
Belgium	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Denmark	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Germany	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
France	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Netherlands	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Sweden	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Union	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm

- (2) Within the limits of those quotas, and in agreement with the relevant coastal State, no more than the quantities given below may also be taken in the following two zones:

	Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*02A4AN-)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO1)
Belgium	To be established	To be established
Denmark	To be established	To be established
Germany	To be established	To be established
France	To be established	To be established
Netherlands	To be established	To be established
Sweden	To be established	To be established
Union	To be established	To be established

- (3) Special condition: the following quantity may be taken in Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*2A4AN):
pm

When fishing under this special condition, by-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for those species.

- (4) Within the limit of this quota, the following transfers are made by Denmark to be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 6, 7, 8d; Union waters of 8a, 8b and 8e; international waters of 12 and 14; and United Kingdom and international waters of 2a and 5b (MAC/*2A14):

Germany	pm
Spain	pm
Estonia	pm
France	pm
Ireland	pm
Latvia	pm
Lithuania	pm
Netherlands	pm
Poland	pm

Table 104

Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Zone:	6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8d and 8e; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b; international waters of 2a, 12 and 14 (MAC/2CX14-)
Germany		pm	(1) Analytical TAC
Spain		pm	(1)
Estonia		pm	(1)
France		pm	(1)
Ireland		pm	(1)
Latvia		pm	(1)
Lithuania		pm	(1)
Netherlands		pm	(1)
Poland		pm	(1)
Union		pm	(1)
Norway	To be established		(1)(2)(3)
Faroe Islands	To be established		(4)
United Kingdom	Not relevant		(1)

TAC 299 010

- (1) Special condition: of which up to 25% can be made available for exchanges to be fished by Spain, France and Portugal in 8c, 9 and 10 and Union waters of CEECAF 34.1.1 (MAC/*8C910).
- (2) May be fished in 2a, 6a north of 56°30'N, 4a, 7d, 7e, 7f and 7h (MAC/*AX7H).
- (3) The amount of access limit indicated below may be fished by Norway north of 56°30'N (MAC/*N5630). The amounts not counted under footnote 2 shall be counted against the catch limit established by Norway.
To be established
- (4) This amount shall be deducted from the Faroe Islands catch limit (access quota). It may be fished only in 6a north of 56°30'N (MAC/*6AN56). However, from 1 January to 15 February and from 1 October to 31 December this quota may also be fished in 2a, 4a north of 59°N (MAC/*24N59).

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones and periods:

	United Kingdom waters of 4a. During the periods from 1 January to 14 February and from 1 August to 31 December (MAC/*4A-UK)	Norwegian waters of 2a (MAC/*2AN-)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO2)
Germany	pm	To be established	To be established
Spain	pm	To be established	To be established
Estonia	pm	To be established	To be established
France	pm	To be established	To be established
Ireland	pm	To be established	To be established
Latvia	pm	To be established	To be established

Lithuania	pm	To be established	To be established
Netherlands	pm	To be established	To be established
Poland	pm	To be established	To be established
Union	pm	To be established	To be established
United Kingdom	Not relevant	Not relevant	Not relevant

Table 105

Species:	Mackerel <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Zone:	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 (MAC/8C3411)
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Spain	pm	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
France	pm	⁽¹⁾	
Portugal	pm	⁽¹⁾	
Union	pm		
TAC	pm		

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: quantities subject to exchanges with other Member States may be taken in 8a, 8b and 8d (MAC/*8ABD.). However, the quantities provided by Spain, Portugal or France for exchange purposes and to be taken in 8a, 8b and 8d shall not exceed 25% of the quotas of the donor Member State.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone: 8b (MAC/*08B.)

Spain	pm
France	pm
Portugal	pm

(2) Annex IB is amended as follows:

(a) Table 1 is replaced by the following:

Table 1

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom, Faroese, Norwegian and international waters of 1 and 2 (HER/1/2-)
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Belgium	11	Analytical TAC
Denmark	10 675	
Germany	1 869	
Spain	35	
France	461	
Ireland	2 763	
Netherlands	3 820	
Poland	540	
Portugal	35	

Finland	165
Sweden	3 956
Union	24 330
United Kingdom	Not relevant
TAC	533 914

Special condition: within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones:

Norwegian waters north of 62°N and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen (HER/*2AJMN)

Belgium	pm
Denmark	pm
Germany	pm
Spain	pm
France	pm
Ireland	pm
Netherlands	pm
Poland	pm
Portugal	pm
Finland	pm
Sweden	pm
Union	pm

2, 5b north of 62°N (Faroese waters) (HER/*25B-F)

Belgium	0
Denmark	0
Germany	0
Spain	0
France	0
Ireland	0
Netherlands	0
Poland	0
Portugal	0
Finland	0
Sweden	0

(b) Table 4 is replaced by the following:

Table 4	
Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone: Svalbard waters; international waters of 1 and 2b (COD/1/2B.)
Germany	1 507 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ Analytical TAC

Spain	3 897	(1)(2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	643	(1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Poland	709	(1)(2)	
Portugal	822	(1)(2)	
Others	84	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	7 662	(1)(2)	

TAC Not relevant

- (1) The allocation of the share of the cod stock available to the Union in the Spitzbergen and Bear Island zone and the associated by-catches of haddock are without prejudice to the rights and obligations deriving from the 1920 Treaty of Paris.
- (2) By-catches of haddock may represent up to 14% per haul in the Spitzbergen and Bear Island zone. The by-catch quantities of haddock are in addition to the quota for cod.
- (3) Except Germany, Spain, France, Poland and Portugal. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (COD/1/2B_AMS).

(3) Annex ID is amended as follows:

(a) Table 12(1) is replaced by the following:

Table 12(1)			
Species:	Bluefin tuna <i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	Zone:	ICCAT Convention area, east of 45°W (BFT/ICAE45W)
Cyprus	pm	(4)	Analytical TAC
Greece	pm		Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	pm	(2)(4)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	pm	(2)(3)(4)	
Croatia	pm	(6)	
Italy	pm	(4)(5)	
Malta	pm	(4)	
Portugal	pm		
Others	pm	(1)	
Union	pm	(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)	
TAC	48 403,00	(1)	

- (1) Except Cyprus, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Malta and Portugal, and exclusively as by-catch. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BFT/ICAE45W_AMS).
- (2) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W8301):

Spain	pm
France	pm
Union	pm

- (3) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna weighing no less than 6,4 kg or measuring no less than 70 cm by the vessels referred to in point 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W641):

France	pm
Union	pm

- (4) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 2 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W641):

Spain	pm
France	pm
Italy	pm
Cyprus	pm
Malta	pm
Union	pm

* Of which 50% may only be fished in the Gulf of Lion.

- (5) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 3 of Annex VI (BFT/*E45W643):

Italy	pm
Union	pm

- (6) Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 3 of Annex VI for farming purposes (BFT/*E45W8303F):

Croatia	pm
Union	pm

(b) Tables 7, 8, 11, 14 and 15 are replaced by the following:

Table 7

Species:	Northern Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	ICCAT Convention area, north of 5°N, excluding Mediterranean (ALB/ICAN05NXM)
Ireland	4 959,40	Analytical TAC	
Spain	27 953,00	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	8 791,67	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	3 065,81		
Union	44 769,88 (1)(2)		
United Kingdom	552,80 (3)		
TAC	47 251,00		

(1) The number of Union fishing vessels fishing for Northern albacore as a target species shall be: 1 241.

(2) Special condition: Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantities may be taken in United Kingdom waters (ALB/*ICAN05NXM-UK):

Ireland	62,03
Spain	349,65
France	109,97
Portugal	38,35
Union	560,00

(3) Special condition: Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantities may be taken in Union waters (ALB/*ICAN05NXM-EU):

560,00

Table 8

Species:	Southern Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	ICCAT Convention area, south of 5°N (ALB/ICAS05N)
Spain	1 087,65	Analytical TAC	
France	357,44	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	761,16	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	2 206,25		
TAC	28 000,00		

Table 11

Species:	Bigeye tuna <i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Zone:	ICCAT Convention area (BET/ICCAT)
Spain	8 420,35 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
France	3 576,59 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	2 921,48 ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	14 918,42 ⁽¹⁾		
TAC	73 000,00 ⁽¹⁾		

⁽¹⁾ Catches of bigeye tuna by purse seiners (BET/*ICCATPS) and longliners with an overall length of 20 metres and above (BET/*ICCATLL) shall be reported separately. As of June, when catches reach 80% of the quota, Member States are required to transmit the catches for these fishing vessels on a weekly basis.

Table 14

Species:	Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Zone:	ICCAT Convention area, north of 5°N, excluding Mediterranean (SWO/ICAN05NXM)
Spain	6 720,29 ⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	1 108,20 ⁽²⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Others	162,84 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	7 991,33		
TAC	14 769,00		

⁽¹⁾ Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/ICAN05NXM_AMS).

⁽²⁾ Special condition: up to 2,39 % of this quantity may be fished in the ICCAT Convention area, south of 5°N (SWO/*ICAS05N). Catches to be counted against the special condition of the shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/*ICAS05N_AMS).

Table 15

Species:	Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Zone:	ICCAT Convention area, south of 5°N (SWO/ICAS05N)
Spain	4 984,34 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	317,86 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	5 302,20	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	10 000,00		

⁽¹⁾ Special condition: up to 3,51 % of this quantity may be fished in the ICCAT Convention area, north of 5°N (SWO/*ICAN05N).

- (4) Annex IH is replaced by the following:

ANNEX IH

SPRFMO CONVENTION AREA

Table 1	
Species: Toothfishes <i>Dissostichus</i> spp.	Zone: SPRFMO Convention area, research blocks A and B ⁽¹⁾ (TOT/SPR-AB)
TAC	pm ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ Precautionary TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

- (1) Research block A:

NW:	50°30'S, 136°E
NE:	50°30'S, 140°30'E
SE:	54°50'S, 140°30'E
SW:	54°50'S, 136°E

Research block B:

NW:	52°45'S, 140°30'E
NE:	52°45'S, 145°30'E
SE:	54°50'S, 145°30'E
SW:	54°50'S, 140°30'E

- (2) This annual TAC is only for exploratory fisheries, as defined in Article 4, point 11, of Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council*. Fishing shall be limited to depths between 600 m and 2 500 m. Fishing shall be limited to one trip of a maximum duration of 60 consecutive days which may occur any time between 1 May and 15 November. All fishing shall cease immediately if the death of the following occurs:

- (a) one of any of the following species: wandering albatross (*Diomedea exulans*), grey-headed albatross (*Thalassarche chrysostoma*), black-browed albatross (*Thalassarche melanophris*), grey petrel (*Procellaria cinerea*), soft-plumaged petrel (*Pterodroma mollis*); or
- (b) three individuals of any of the following species: light-mantled albatross (*Phoebastria palpebrata*), southern giant petrel (*Macronectes giganteus*) and northern giant petrel (*Macronectes halli*).

Fishing shall further be limited to a maximum number of 5 000 hooks per set, with a maximum of 100 sets. Longlines shall be set at least 3 nautical miles apart from each other, and not set at previous longline locations within one calendar year. Fishing shall cease either when the TAC is reached or if 100 sets have been set and hauled during the trip, whichever is earlier.

* Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) Convention Area (OJ L 179, 16.7.2018, p. 30, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/975/oj>).

- (3) Of which up to pm tonnes may be fished in research block A. As the catch limit for research block A is approached, shorter lines shall be set to ensure that the catch limit is not exceeded. Catches of toothfishes in research block A shall be reported separately (TOT/SPR-A).
- (4) Of which up to pm tonnes may be fished in research block B. As the catch limit for research block B is approached, shorter lines shall be set to ensure that the catch limit is not exceeded. Catches of toothfishes in research block B shall be reported separately (TOT/SPR-B).

Table 2

Species:	Jack mackerel <i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	Zone:	SPRFMO Convention area (CJM/SPRFMO)
Germany	pm	Analytical TAC	
Netherlands	pm	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Lithuania	pm	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Poland	pm		
Union	pm		
TAC	Not relevant		

(5) Annex IM is replaced by the following:

ANNEX IM

NPFC CONVENTION AREA

Table 1

Species:	Chub mackerel <i>Scomber japonicus</i>	Zone:	NPFC Convention area
Union	To be established (1)(3)(4)(5)	Precautionary TAC Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
NPFC Contracting Parties, including Union	To be established (1)(2)(3)(4)		
TAC	Not relevant		

(1) May only be fished from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027.

(2) Special condition: under this catch limit no more than the quantities given below may be taken by the following vessels:

Trawlers* (MAS/NPFC-TR)	Purse seiners* (MAS/NPFC-PS)
To be established	To be established

* The fisheries under those catch limits will be closed by NPFC Contracting Parties, including for the Union by the Commission, within two days from the issue date of the notice of the NPFC Executive Secretary that the utilisation of those catch limits has reached 95 %.

(3) Only one trawler flying the flag of a Member State shall be authorised to fish for chub mackerel at any time. That applies without prejudice to any allocation of future fishing opportunities by the Union in the NPFC Convention area, in particular to the Member State authorised to fish in the period from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027.

(4) Union fishing vessels over 10 000 gross tonnage shall not be authorised to fish for chub mackerel.

(5) Catches under this quota shall be reported separately (MAS/NPFC-EU).

(6) Annex VI is amended as follows:

(a) Point 4 is replaced by the following:

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4. Maximum number of fishing vessels of each Member State that may be authorised to fish for, retain on board, tranship, transport or land bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

	Number of fishing vessels ⁽¹⁾									
	Greece ⁽²⁾	Spain	France	Croatia	Italy	Cyprus ⁽³⁾	Malta ⁽⁴⁾	Portugal		
Purse seiners ⁽⁵⁾	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm		
Longliners	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm		
Baitboats	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm		
Handline	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm		
Trawlers	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm		
Small-scale	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm		
Other artisanal ⁽⁶⁾	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm		

(1) The numbers in this table may be further increased, provided that the Union's international obligations are complied with.

(2) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and three other artisanal vessels.

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(5) The individual numbers of purse seiners in this table are the result of transfers between Member States and do not constitute historical rights for the future.

(6) Polyvalent vessels, using multi-gear equipment (longline, handline, trolling line).

(b) Point 5 is replaced by the following:

5. Maximum number of traps engaged in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery authorised by each Member State

Maximum number of traps	
Member State	Number of traps
Spain	pm
Italy	pm
Portugal	pm

(c) Point 6 is replaced by the following:

6. Maximum number of authorised farms and maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna that each Member State may allocate to its farms in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

Maximum number of authorised farms and input of wild-caught bluefin tuna		
	Number of farms	Input (in tonnes)
Greece	pm	pm
Spain	pm	pm
Croatia	pm	pm
Italy	pm	pm
Cyprus	pm	pm
Malta	pm	pm
Portugal	pm	pm