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ANNEX

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2026/249

(1) Annex IA is amended as follows:

(a) In Part A, Table 2(1) is replaced by the following:

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Table 2(1)			
Species:	Anchovy <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	Zone:	9W ⁽¹⁾ and 10 (ANE/9WX10)
Spain	pm ⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	pm ⁽²⁾		
Union	pm ⁽²⁾		
TAC	pm ⁽²⁾		
⁽¹⁾	Part of subarea 9 west of the line connecting the following points:		
	Point	Latitude	Longitude
	1	36°00'00"N	11°00'00"W
	2	37°01'20"N	8°59'47"W
⁽²⁾	This quota may be fished only from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.		

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(b) In Part B, Table 77 is replaced by the following:

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Table 77			
Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	3a (PRA/03A.)
Denmark	pm ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	pm ⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	pm ⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	pm ⁽¹⁾		
⁽¹⁾	This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.		

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(c) In Part B, Table 79 is replaced by the following:

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Table 79

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (PRA/4N-S62)
Denmark	pm	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	123 ⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	pm	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
TAC	Not relevant		
⁽¹⁾	By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for these species.		

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(d) In Part B, Tables 113 and 114 are replaced by the following:

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Table 113

Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	3a (SPR/03A.)
Denmark	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Analytical TAC	
Germany	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		
Sweden	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		
Union	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		
TAC	pm ⁽²⁾		
⁽¹⁾	Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and haddock (OTH/*03A.). By-catches of whiting and haddock 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.		
⁽²⁾	This quota shall apply from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.		
⁽³⁾	Transfers of this quota may be effected to United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission and to the United Kingdom.		

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Table 114

Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SPR/2AC4-C)
Belgium	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Germany	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
France	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Netherlands	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Sweden	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		

Union	pm	(1)(2)
Norway	pm	(1)
Faroe Islands	pm	(1)(4)
United Kingdom	pm	(1)
TAC	pm	(1)

- (1) The quota shall apply from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.
- (2) Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting (OTH/*2AC4C). 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.
- (3) Including sandeels.
- (4) May contain up to 4 % of by-catch of herring.

(e) In Part B, Table 115 is replaced by the following:

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Table 115			
Species:	Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	7d and 7e (SPR/7DE.)
Belgium	pm	(1)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	pm	(1)	
Germany	pm	(1)	
France	pm	(1)	
Netherlands	pm	(1)	
Union	pm	(1)	
United Kingdom	pm	(1)	
TAC	pm	(1)	
(1)	The quota shall apply from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.		

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(2) Annex IB is amended as follows:

(a) Table 3 is replaced by the following and Table 3(1) is inserted:

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Table 3			
Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 2 and 12; Greenland waters of 5 and 14, south-west of 42°W (COD/GL251214)
Germany	2 050	(1)	Analytical TAC
Union	2 050	(1)	
TAC	Not relevant		Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply

- (1) May not be fished from 1 March to 31 May within the ‘Kleine Bank management area’ bounded by the lines

joining the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	65°00'N	38°00'W
2	65°00'N	35°15'W
3	64°00'N	35°15'W
4	64°00'N	38°00'W

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Table 3(1)

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 5 and 14, north-east of 42°W (COD/GL51442)
Union	900 ⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC	
TAC	Not relevant ⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

⁽¹⁾ May only be fished by vessels in the framework of the experimental fishery and conducting scientific sampling. That scientific sampling shall be carried under conditions to be determined by the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources.

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(b) Table 9 is replaced by the following:

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Table 9

Species:	Capelin <i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 2, 5, 12 and 14 (CAP/GL251214)
Year	2026	2027	
Denmark	0 ⁽²⁾	0 ⁽³⁾	Analytical TAC
Germany	0 ⁽²⁾	0 ⁽³⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Sweden	0 ⁽²⁾	0 ⁽³⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
All Member States	0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	0 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	
Union	0 ⁽²⁾	0 ⁽³⁾	
Norway	0 ⁽²⁾	0 ⁽³⁾	
TAC	Not relevant ⁽²⁾	Not relevant ⁽³⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Denmark, Germany and Sweden may access the ‘All Member States’ quota only once they have exhausted their own quota. However, Member States with more than 10 % of the Union quota shall not access the ‘All Member States’ quota at all. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (CAP/GL251214_AMS).

⁽²⁾ This quota shall apply from 15 October 2025 to 15 April 2026.

⁽³⁾ This quota shall apply from 15 October 2026 to 15 April 2027.

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(c) Table 13 is replaced by the following:

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Table 13			
Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Greenland waters of 2, 5, 12 and 14 (PRA/GL251214)
Denmark	pm	Analytical TAC	
France	pm	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Union	pm	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Norway	pm		
Faroe Islands	0		
TAC	Not relevant		

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(3) In Annex IC, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

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Table 1			
Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	NAFO 2J3KL (COD/N2J3KL)
Bulgaria	pm (1)(2)	Analytical TAC	
Germany	pm (1)(2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Estonia	pm (1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply.	
Spain	pm (1)(2)		
France	pm (1)(2)		
Latvia	pm (1)(2)		
Lithuania	pm (1)(2)		
Poland	pm (1)(2)		
Portugal	pm (1)(2)		
Romania	pm (1)(2)		
Union	pm (1)(2)		
TAC	pm (1)(2)		
(1)	This quota shall apply from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.		
(2)	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota between 00:00 UTC 15 April 2027 and 23:59 UTC 30 June 2027. During this period, this species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5 %, whichever is greater.		

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(4) Annex ID is amended as follows:

(a) Table 7 is replaced by the following:

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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 Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply										
Spain	27 953,00											
France	8 791,67											
Portugal	3 065,81											
Union	44 769,88 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾											
United Kingdom	741 ⁽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):											
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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											

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

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Table 12		
Species:	Bluefin tuna <i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	Zone: ICCAT Convention area, east of 45°W (BFT/ICAE45W)
Cyprus	240,16 ⁽⁴⁾	Analytical TAC Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Greece	480,79	
Spain	8 352,55 ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
France	8 067,21 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	
Croatia	1 353,64 ⁽⁶⁾	
Italy	6 534,98 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	
Malta	517,31 ⁽⁴⁾	
Portugal	858,28	
Others	104,03 ⁽¹⁾	
Union	26 508,95 ⁽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	1 267,03
France	588,60
Union	1 855,63

- (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	100,00
Union	100,00

- (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	167,05
France	322,69 *
Italy	130,70
Cyprus	4,80
Malta	10,35
Union	635,59

* 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	130,70
Union	130,70

- (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	1 218,28
Union	1 218,28

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- (5) Annex IM is replaced by the following:

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ANNEX IM NPFC CONVENTION AREA

Table 1

Species:	Chub mackerel and blue mackerel <i>Scomber japonicus</i> and <i>Scomber australasicus</i>	Zone:	NPFC Convention area
Union	5 560 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	Precautionary TAC	
NPFC Contracting Parties,	47 940 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

including
Union

TAC

Not relevant

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

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

Trawlers* (M/M/NPFC-TR)	Purse seiners* (M/M/NPFC-PS)
5 703	42 237

* 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 and blue 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 December 2026.

⁽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 (M/M/NPFC-EU).

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