

**COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2023/1609****of 1 June 2023****correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC <sup>(1)</sup> and in particular Article 11(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 <sup>(2)</sup> establishes conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in certain areas of the North Sea. This Regulation was last amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/340 <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) On 22 February 2023, Germany informed the Commission of an error in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/340. It concerns a sentence contained in the joint recommendation that was not transposed into Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/340, namely the fact that fisheries conservation measures in the central and eastern areas of the Sylter Aussenriff [areas 1(10)] are to take effect on 1 May 2023.
- (3) On 28 February 2023, Germany informed the Commission of additional technical errors in the Annex to the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/340, as regards the designation of the Dutch Exclusive Economic Zone and the geographical coordinates of the seaward separation line between the German and Dutch Exclusive Economic Zones.
- (4) Therefore, Article 3(1) and Annexes I and VI to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118, should be corrected accordingly.
- (5) As the corrections provided in this act have a direct impact on the fishing activities in the areas subject to fisheries conservation measures, this Regulation should enter into force immediately upon publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 is corrected as follows:

- (1) in Article 3(1), letter (d) is added:

‘(d) in areas 1(10), fisheries conservation measures shall take effect on 1 May 2023.’;

- (2) Annexes I and VI are corrected as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 of 5 September 2016 establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the North Sea (OJ L 19, 25.1.2017, p. 10).

<sup>(3)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/340 of 8 December 2022 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 as regards conservation measures in Sylter Aussenriff, Borkum-Riffgrund, Doggerbank and Östliche Deutsche Bucht, and in Klaverbank, Friese Front and Centrale Oestergronden (OJ L 48, 16.2.2023, p. 18).

*Article 2*

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

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

Done at Brussels, 1 June 2023.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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## ANNEX

Annexes I and VI to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/118 are corrected as follows:

(1) in Annex I, point c) in area 1(11) is replaced by the following:

‘c) seaward separation line between the German and Dutch Exclusive Economic Zones from 53,724495° N 6,345843° E to 54,016833° N 6,095963° E.’;

(2) in Annex VI, point c) in areas 4(3), Management zone A in Borkum-Riffgrund is replaced by the following:

‘c) seaward separation line between the German and Dutch Exclusive Economic Zones from 53,724495° N 6,345843° E to 54,016833° N 6,095963° E.’;

(3) in Annex VI, point c) in areas 4(3), Management zone B in Doggerbank is replaced by the following:

‘c) seaward separation line between the German and Dutch Exclusive Economic Zones from 55,365081° N 4,260850° E to 55,645558° N 3,637590° E.’;

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