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## **COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/2158**

### of 24 October 2025

# operating deductions from fishing quotas available for certain stocks in 2025 on account of overfishing in the previous years

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 (1), and in particular Article 105(1), (2) and (3) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- Fishing quotas for the year 2023 have been established by Council Regulations (EU) 2022/2090 (2), (EU) 2023/194 (3) and (EU) 2023/195 (4).
- Fishing quotas for the year 2024 have been established by Council Regulations (EU) 2023/2638 (5), (EU) 2024/257 (6) (2)and (EU) 2024/259 (7).
- Fishing quotas for the year 2025 have been established by Council Regulations (EU) 2024/2903 (8), (EU) 2025/202 (9) and (EU) 2025/219 (10).

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1224/oj.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2090 of 27 October 2022 fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea for 2023 and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/109 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters (OJ L 281, 31.10.2022, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2090/oj).

Council Regulation (EU) 2023/194 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, as well as fixing for 2023 and 2024 such fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea fish stocks (OJ L 28, 31.1.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/194/oj).

Council Regulation (EU) 2023/195 of 30 January 2023 fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/110 as regards the fishing opportunities for 2022 applicable in the Mediterranean and the Black Seas (OJ L 28, 31.1.2023, p. 220, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/

<sup>(5)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2023/2638 of 20 November 2023 fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea for 2024 and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/194 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters (OJ L, 2023/2638, 22.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2638/oj).

<sup>(</sup>e) Council Regulation (EU) 2024/257 of 10 January 2024 fixing for 2024, 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/194 (OJ L, 2024/257, 11.1.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/257/oj).

<sup>(7)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2024/259 of 10 January 2024 fixing for 2024 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas (OJ L, 2024/259, 11.1.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/

<sup>(8)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2024/2903 of 18 November 2024 fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea for 2025 and amending Regulation (EU) 2024/257 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters (OJ L, 2024/2903, 19.11.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2903/oj).

Council Regulation (EU) 2025/202 of 30 January 2025 fixing for 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2024/257 as regards fishing opportunities for 2025 (OJ L, 2025/202, 31.1.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/202/oj).

<sup>(10)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2025/219 of 30 January 2025 fixing for 2025 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas (OJ L, 2025/219, 4.2.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/219/oj).

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(4) Pursuant to Article 105(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, when the Commission has established that a Member State has exceeded the fishing quotas which have been allocated to it, the Commission is to operate deductions from future fishing quotas of that Member State.

- (5) Article 105(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 provides that such deductions are to be operated in the following year or years by applying the respective multiplying factors as set out therein.
- (6) Certain Member States have exceeded their fishing quotas for the year 2024. Deductions should therefore be operated on the fishing quotas allocated to them in 2025 and, where relevant, in subsequent years, for the overfished stocks.
- (7) Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2024/2407 (11) and (EU) 2025/66 (12) have set out deductions from fishing quotas for certain Member States and species for 2024. However, for certain Member States, the deductions to be applied for some species were higher than the respective quotas available in 2024 and could therefore not be operated entirely in that year. In accordance with point 2 of Communication from the Commission 2022/C 369/03 on guidelines for the deduction of quotas under Article 105(1), (2) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (13) ('the Guidelines') and to ensure that in such cases the full amount for the respective stocks is deducted, the remaining quantities should be taken into account when establishing deductions for 2025 and, where appropriate, from subsequent quotas.
- (8) The Guidelines state that, where applicable, the timeline for deductions in case of overfishing of a quota for stocks managed by regional fisheries management organisations is to be adapted to the timeline for deductions set in the regional fisheries management organisations concerned for these stocks. Recommendation 19-05 by ICCAT establishing a rebuilding programme for blue marlin (14) provides that any excess of the annual landings limits fixed for the year 2023 are to be deducted from the landings limits during 2025. Therefore, as established by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/66, the deduction on account of overfishing in 2023, by Spain, for the stock of blue marlin in the Atlantic Ocean (BUM/ATLANT), managed by ICCAT, should be applied in 2025.
- (9) Moreover, Recommendation 22-03 by ICCAT for the conservation of North Atlantic swordfish (15) provides that any excess of the annual adjusted quota in the year 2024 is to be deducted from the respective quota/catch limit for 2026. On this basis, deductions including those resulting from applicable multiplying factors on account of overfishing by Portugal in 2024 for the stock of swordfish in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (SWO/AN05N) should be applied in 2026.
- (10) Additionally, Recommendation 22-04 by ICCAT for the conservation of South Atlantic swordfish (16) establishes that any excess of the annual quota/catch limit in 2024 is to be deducted from the respective quota/catch limit in 2026. Consequently, the deduction due on account of the overfishing in 2024, by France, for the stock of swordfish in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N (SWO/AS05N) should be operated in 2026.

<sup>(11)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2407 of 13 September 2024 operating deductions from fishing quotas available for certain stocks in 2024 on account of overfishing in the previous years (OJ L, 2024/2407, 16.9.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\_impl/2024/2407/oj).

<sup>(12)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/66 of 13 January 2025 operating deductions from fishing quotas available for certain stocks in 2024 on account of overfishing of other stocks in the previous years and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2407 (OJ L, 2025/66, 16.1.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\_impl/2025/66/oj).

<sup>(</sup>¹³) Communication from the Commission on guidelines for the deduction of quotas under Article 105(1), (2) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and replacing Communication 2012/C 72/07 (2022/C 369/03) (OJ C 369, 27.9.2022, p. 3).

<sup>(14)</sup> Recommendation 19-05 by ICCAT to establish rebuilding programmes for blue marlin and white marlin/roundscale spearfish, https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2019-05-e.pdf.

<sup>(15)</sup> Recommendation 22-03 by ICCAT replacing supplemental recommendation 21-02 extending and amending Recommendation 17-02 for the conservation of North Atlantic swordfish. https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2022-03-e.pdf.

<sup>(16)</sup> Recommendation 22-04 by ICCAT replacing supplemental recommendation 21-03 extending and amending recommendation 17-03 for the conservation of South Atlantic swordfish https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2022-04-e.pdf.

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(11) Furthermore, Recommendation 23-10 by ICCAT on management measures for the conservation of North Atlantic blue shark (17) provides that any amount caught in excess of the annual catch limits established for 2024 is to be deducted from the respective catch limits in 2026. Deductions on account of overfishing in 2024 by Portugal for the stock of blue shark in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N (BSH/AN05N) should therefore be operated only in 2026.

- (12) In 2023, Germany overfished its quota for other species in Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (OTH/1N2AB.) by 1,320 tonnes. Additionally, a deduction of 19,997 tonnes remained following the overfishing, by Germany, of its quota for OTH/1N2AB. in 2022, in accordance with point 2 of the Guidelines. By electronic mail dated 1 July 2024, Germany requested to spread the due deduction, namely 21,317 tonnes, over three years. Considering that, in accordance with point 3(b) of the Guidelines, a slower payback is exceptionally possible where the stock concerned is caught in a mixed fishery and a significant loss of quota would prevent the exploitation of the associated species in that mixed fishery catch, this request has been accepted. A first deduction of 7,106 tonnes has been operated on the German quota for OTH/1N2AB. in 2024. The remaining annual deductions applicable to the German quota for OTH/1N2AB. amount to 7,106 tonnes in 2025 and to 7,105 tonnes in 2026 without prejudice to any further quota adaptation.
- (13) Further updates or corrections may still occur following the detection, for the current or previous deduction exercise, of errors, omissions or misreporting in the catch figures declared by the Member States pursuant to Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.
- (14) Since quotas are expressed in tonnes, overfishing involving quantities of less than one tonne should not be considered,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

### Article 1

The fishing quotas fixed for the year 2025 in Regulations (EU) 2024/2903, (EU) 2025/202 and (EU) 2025/219 shall be reduced as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

### Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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, 24 October 2025.

For the Commission The President Ursula VON DER LEYEN

<sup>(17)</sup> Recommendation 23-10 by ICCAT to replace Recommendation 19-07 on management measures for the conservation of North Atlantic blue shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries. https://www.iccat.int/Documents/Recs/compendiopdf-e/2023-10-e.pdf.

ANNEX

DEDUCTIONS FROM FISHING QUOTAS FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR STOCKS WHICH HAVE BEEN OVERFISHED

Mem- ber State	Species code	Area code	Species name	Area name	Initial quota 2024 (in tonnes)	Permitted landings 2024 (Total adapted quantity in tonnes) (1)	Total catches 2024 (quantity in tonnes)	Quota con- sumption related to permitted landings (in percentage)	Overfishing related to permitted landing (quantity in tonnes)	Multi- plying factor (²)	Addit-ional Multi- plying factor (3), (4)	Out- standing deductions from previous year(s) (5) (quantity in tonnes)	Deductions to apply in 2025 (quantity in tonnes)
DE	OTH	1N2AB.	Other species	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2	125,000	116,894	114,875	N/A	- 2,019 ( <sup>6</sup> )	1	1	14,211 (7)	7,106
DE	SPR	2AC4-C	Sprat and associated by-catches	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a	696,000	2 435,941	2 647,571	108,69	211,630	I	1	1	211,630
DK	BOR	678-	Boarfishes	6, 7 and 8	6 711,000	7 327,837	7 681,530	104,83	353,693	1	1	1	353,693
DK	HER	5B6ANB	Herring	6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	1	2,758	33,940	1 230,60	31,182	1,00	1	1	31,182
ES	ARA	GF1-7	Blue and red shrimp	GSAs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7	787,000	850,631	888,436	104,44	37,805	1	C (8)	1	37,805
ES	BUM	ATLANT	Blue marlin	Atlantic Ocean	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,00	1	5,338	5,338
ES	COD	1N2AB.	Cod	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2	2 533,000	2 811,120	2 815,541	100,16	4,421	1	A (8)	1	4,421
ES	GHL	1N2AB.	Greenland halibut	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2	1	19,900	38,151	191,71	18,251	1,00	1	1	18,251

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Mem- ber State	Species code	Area code	Species name	Area name	Initial quota 2024 (in tonnes)	Permitted landings 2024 (Total adapted quantity in tonnes) (¹)	Total catches 2024 (quantity in tonnes)	Quota con- sumption related to permitted landings (in percentage)	Overfishing related to permitted landing (quantity in tonnes)	Multi- plying factor (²)	Addit-ional Multi- plying factor (³), (4)	Out- standing deductions from previous year(s) (*) (quantity in tonnes)	Deductions to apply in 2025 (quantity in tonnes)
FR	SWO	AS05N	Swordfish	Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N	1	1	4,200	N/A	4,200	1,00	1	1	N/A (°)
IE	HER	5B6ANB	Herring	6b and 6aN; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	189,000	335,531	612,077	182,42	276,546	2,00	1	1	553,092
IE	HER	7G-K.	Herring	7a south of 52° 30'N; 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k	750,000	867,500	946,445	109,10	78,945	1	1	1	78,945
MT	ARS	GF12-16	Giant red shrimp	GSAs 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16	36,000	36,000	38,313	106,43	2,313	1	1	1	2,313
PL	MAC	2A34-N	Mackerel	Union waters of 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d; United Kingdom waters of 2a; Union and United Kingdom waters of 4; Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a	1	1	17,330	N/A	17,330	1,00	A		25,995
PT	ANF	8C3411	Angler- fishes	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	739,000	1 075,126	1 168,611	108,70	93,485	1	C (8)	1	93,485
PT	BSH	AN05N	Blue shark	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N	4 024,820	4 024,820	4 059,070	100,85	34,250 (9)	I	1	1	N/A (°)

Mem- ber State	Species code	Area code	Species name	Area name	Initial quota 2024 (in tonnes)	Permitted landings 2024 (Total adapted quantity in tonnes) (¹)	Total catches 2024 (quantity in tonnes)	Quota con- sumption related to permitted landings (in percentage)	Overfishing related to permitted landing (quantity in tonnes)	Multi- plying factor (²)	Addit-ional Multi- plying factor (³), (4)	Out- standing deductions from previous year(s) (*) (quantity in tonnes)	Deductions to apply in 2025 (quantity in tonnes)
PT	GHL	1N2AB.	Greenland halibut	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2	1	38,900	41,067	105,57	2,167	1	1	1	2,167
PT	JAX	08C.	Horse mackerel	8c	186,000	97,000	128,495	132,47	31,495	1,00	1	1,605	33,100
PT	LEZ	8C3411	Megrims	8c, 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	107,000	117,000	120,237	102,77	3,237	1	C (8)	1	3,237
PT	SWO	AN05N	Swordfish	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N	1 143,970	1 388,068	1 417,624	102,13	29,556 (%)	1	A (8)	1	N/A (9)

- (¹) Quotas available to a Member State pursuant to the relevant fishing opportunities Regulations after taking into account exchanges of fishing opportunities in accordance with Article 16(8) of 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 (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1380/oj), quota transfers from 2023 to 2024 in accordance with Article 4(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 of 6 May 1996 introducing additional conditions for year-to-year management of TACs and quotas (OJ L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1996/847/oj) and with Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 or reallocation and deduction of fishing opportunities in accordance with Articles 37 and 105 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.
- (2) As set out in Article 105(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009. Deduction equal to the overfishing \* 1,00 shall apply in all cases of overfishing equal to, or less than, 100 tonnes.
- (3) As set out in Article 105(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 and provided that the extent of overfishing exceeds 10 %.
- (\*) Letter "A" indicates that an additional multiplying factor of 1,5 has been applied due to consecutive overfishing in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Letter 'C' indicates that an additional multiplying factor of 1,5 has been applied as the stock is subject to a multiannual plan.
- (5) Remaining quantities from previous year(s).
- (6) As Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 is not applicable to this stock, this unused quantity cannot be utilised to reduce the deduction due in 2025.
- (7) To spread over the years 2025 (7,106 tonnes) and 2026 (7,105 tonnes) following Germany's request to equally spread the deduction of 21,317 tonnes due in 2024 over three years (2024, 2025 and 2026).
- (8) Additional multiplying factor not applicable because the overfishing does not exceed 10 %.
- (9) To be deducted in 2026 in line with relevant ICCAT Recommendation.