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**to the**

**Proposal for a**

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**amending Regulation (EU) 2025/202 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**

**ANNEX**  
**Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2025/202**

Regulation (EU) 2025/202 is amended as follows:

(1) In Part B of Annex IA, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

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<b>Table 1</b>	
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
Denmark	pm <sup>(1)</sup> Analytical TAC
Germany	pm <sup>(1)</sup> Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Sweden	pm <sup>(1)</sup> Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	pm
United Kingdom	pm
TAC	pm

<sup>(1)</sup> Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and mackerel (OT1/\*2A3A4X). By-catches of whiting and mackerel 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) <sup>(1)</sup>	(SAN/234_2R) <sup>(1)</sup>	(SAN/234_3R) <sup>(2)</sup>	(SAN/234_4)	(SAN/234_5R) <sup>(1)</sup>	(SAN/234_6) <sup>(1)</sup>	(SAN/234_7R) <sup>(1)</sup>
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

<sup>(1)</sup> Up to 10 % of this quota can be banked and used in the following year only within this management area.

<sup>(2)</sup> This quota may only be fished in Union waters of sandeel management area 3r as monitoring TAC with an associated sampling protocol for the fishery.

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(2) In Annex ID, Tables 7, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 15 are replaced by the following:

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**Table 7**

Species:	Northern Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N (ALB/AN05N)
Ireland	4 603,57	Analytical TAC	
Spain	26 004,73	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	9 172,27	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	3 198,54		
Union	42 979,11 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		
TAC	47 251,00		
<sup>(1)</sup>	The number of Union fishing vessels fishing for Northern albacore as a target species shall be: 1 241.		
<sup>(2)</sup>	Special condition: within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in United Kingdom waters (ALB/*AN05N-UK): 280,00.		

**Table 8**

Species:	Southern Albacore <i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N (ALB/AS05N)
Spain	1 087,65	Analytical TAC	
France	357,45	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	761,15	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	2 206,25		
	0,00		
TAC	28 000,00		

**Table 11**

Species:	Bigeye tuna <i>Thunnus obesus</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean (BET/ATLANT)
Spain	8 404,59 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
France	3 569,90 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	2 943,93 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	14 918,42 <sup>(1)</sup>		
TAC	73 000,00 <sup>(1)</sup>		
<sup>(1)</sup>	Catches of bigeye tuna by purse seiners (BET/*ATLPS) and longliners with an overall length of 20 metres and above (BET/*ATLLL) 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 12**

Species:	Bluefin tuna <i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, east of 45°W, and Mediterranean (BFT/AE45WM)
Cyprus	pm <sup>(4)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Greece	pm	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	pm <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	pm <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>		
Croatia	pm <sup>(6)</sup>		

Italy	pm	(4)(5)
Malta	pm	(4)
Portugal	pm	
Other Member States	pm	(1)
Union	pm	(2)(3)(4)(5)

TAC 40 570,00 (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/AE45WM_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/*8301):												
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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/*641):												
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(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/*8302):												
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spain</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>France</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Italy</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cyprus</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malta</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Union</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> </table>	Spain	pm	France	pm	Italy	pm	Cyprus	pm	Malta	pm	Union	pm
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France	pm												
Italy	pm												
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Malta	pm												
Union	pm												
(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/*643):												
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Italy</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Union</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> </table>	Italy	pm	Union	pm								
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Union	pm												
(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 for farming purposes (BFT/*8303F):												
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Croatia</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Union</td> <td>pm</td> </tr> </table>	Croatia	pm	Union	pm								
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Union	pm												

**Table 14**

Species:	Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N (SWO/AN05N)
Spain	6 425,79 (2)	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	1 071,61 (2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Other Member States	97,07 (1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	7 594,47		
TAC	14 769,00		
(1)	Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/AN05N_AMS).		
(2)	Special condition: up to 2,39% of this quantity may be fished in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N		

(SWO/\*AS05N). Catches to be counted against the special condition of the shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/\*AS05N AMS).

**Table 15**

Species:	Swordfish <i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N (SWO/AS05N)
Spain	5 004,84 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	301,56 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	5 306,40	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	10 000,00		
<sup>(1)</sup>	Special condition: up to 3,51% of this quantity may be fished in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N (SWO/*AN05N).		

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(3) Annex IH is replaced by the following:

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### **ANNEX IH**

#### **SPRFMO CONVENTION AREA**

**Table 1**

Species:	Toothfishes <i>Dissostichus</i> spp.	Zone:	SPRFMO Convention area, research blocks A and B <sup>(1)</sup> (TOT/SPR-AB)
TAC	pm <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	Precautionary TAC	

<sup>(1)</sup> 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

<sup>(2)</sup> This annual TAC is for exploratory fisheries only. 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 2025. From 1 to 15 November 2025, longlines shall be set at night-time only and 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.

- (3) Of which up to pm tonnes may be fished in research block A. 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. 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		

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- (4) In Annex VI, points 4 to 6 are 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.

Table A

	Number of fishing vessels <sup>(1)</sup>							
	Greece <sup>(2)</sup>	Spain	France	Croatia	Italy	Cyprus <sup>(3)</sup>	Malta <sup>(4)</sup>	Portugal
Purse seiners <sup>(5)</sup>	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 <sup>(6)</sup>	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm

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

<sup>(2)</sup> One medium-size purse seiner has been replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and three other artisanal vessels.

<sup>(3)</sup> One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and no more than three longline vessels.

<sup>(4)</sup> One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels.

<sup>(5)</sup> 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.

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



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

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

Table A

Maximum number of authorised farms and input of wild-caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)		
Member State	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

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