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## ANNEX

Annexes V and VI to Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 are amended as follows:

- (1) In Annex V, Part B, the sixth entry of the table after point 1.4 is replaced by the following

At least 80 mm	ICES subarea 4	Directed fishing for squid ( <i>Loliginidae</i> , <i>Ommastrephidae</i> ).
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- (2) In Annex VI, Part B, the table after point 1.2 is amended as follows:

- (a) the fourth entry of the table is replaced by the following:

At least 80 mm	ICES divisions 7d and 7e	Directed fishing for whiting, mackerel and species not subject to catch limits including squids ( <i>Loliginidae</i> , <i>Ommastrephidae</i> ) and which are not covered elsewhere in the table, using bottom trawls.
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- (b) the fifth entry of the table is replaced by the following:

At least 80 mm	ICES divisions 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7g, 7h, 7k	Directed fishing for squid ( <i>Loliginidae</i> , <i>Ommastrephidae</i> ), using bottom trawls and seines.
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- (c) the following entries are added to the table:

At least 40 mm	ICES subareas 5, 6	Directed fishing for squid ( <i>Loliginidae</i> , <i>Ommastrephidae</i> ) using any towed gear in ICES subareas 5 and 6.
At least 40mm	ICES division 7e	Directed fishing for squid ( <i>Loliginidae</i> , <i>Ommastrephidae</i> ) using midwater otter trawls (OTM) within 12 nautical miles of the coast of France, measured from the baselines, in ICES division 7e.
At least 40 mm	ICES division 7j	Directed fishing for squid ( <i>Loliginidae</i> , <i>Ommastrephidae</i> ), using bottom trawls and seines in ICES division 7j.