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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The purpose of the Delegated Regulation is to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/975 in order to transpose the amendments to the management, conservation and control measures applicable in the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) Convention Area, adopted by the SPRFMO at its annual meeting in 2026.

The Delegated Regulation is based on the SPRFMO conservation and management measures (CMMs) that are binding on the Union and the Member States as from 5 June 2026. This Regulation transposes these measures into Union law.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

The Delegated Regulation contains the parts of the SPRFMO CMMs that are binding on the Union and the Member States. The Member States were consulted in the run-up to - and during - the SPRFMO annual meetings at which these parts of the SPRFMO CMMs were adopted.

The Delegated Regulation was presented to the co-legislators for consultation at expert level, in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making<sup>1</sup>.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) 2018/975 with:

- changes to the time limits for submitting the annual scientific report covering the previous year of reporting, including on the jack mackerel fishery (Article 7(2)); and
- changes to the time limits for submitting the previous year's total annual catch data (Article 27(2)).

The amendment also aligns and consolidates annexes to Regulation (EU) 2018/975 following changes in SPRFMO CMMs, such as changes to:

- line weighting standards in Annex I, as referred to in Article 9(4);
- vessel data requirements in Annex V as referred to in Article 16(3), Article 17(1)(a), and Article 22(1);
- observer data requirements in Annex X as referred to in Article 28(1) and (2);
- data requirements in the 'Port call request' in Annex XI as referred to in Article 31(1); and
- data requirements in the port inspection summary results in Annex XII as referred to in Article 34(4) and (5).

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<sup>1</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on Better Law-Making, Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making (OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1).

# COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...

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## **amending Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the time limits for the submission of the annual scientific report and total annual catch reporting, line weighting standards in Annex I, vessel data requirements in Annex V, observer data requirements in Annex X, and port data requirements in Annexes XI and XII**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) Convention Area<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 43 points (a), (b) and (f) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Council Decision 2012/130/EU<sup>2</sup>, the Union is a Contracting Party to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, which established the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation ('the SPRFMO'), since 26 July 2010.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council lays down management, conservation and control provisions relating to fishing for fishery resources in the SPRFMO Convention Area.
- (3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/838<sup>3</sup> amended Regulation (EU) 2018/975 with conservation and management measures adopted by the SPRFMO at its annual meetings between 2018 and 2024.
- (4) At its annual meeting in 2026, the SPRFMO amended the time limits for the submission of the annual scientific report and total annual catch reporting. The SPRFMO also changed line weighting standards, vessel data requirements, observer data requirements, and port data requirements.
- (5) Those amendments should be transposed into Union law. Regulation (EU) 2018/975 should be amended accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 179, 16.7.2018, p. 30, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/975/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision 2012/130/EU of 3 October 2011 on the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (OJ L 67, 6.3.2012, p. 1, ELI: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2012/130\(1\)/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2012/130(1)/oj).

<sup>3</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/838 of 19 February 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards data reporting for the jack mackerel fishery, technical failure of the satellite-tracking device, vessel data requirements in Annex V, transshipment data requirements in Annexes VII, VIII, and IX, and port data requirements in Annexes XI and XII (OJ L, 2025/838, 2.5.2025, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_del/2025/838/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2025/838/oj)).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EU) 2018/975 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 7(2), point (b) is replaced by the following:  
'(b) by 15 June each year, the annual scientific report covering the previous year, including observer data to the maximum extent possible. The Commission shall send that information to the SPRFMO Secretariat by 30 June.';
- (2) in Article 27, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:  
'2. By 15 June each year, Member States whose vessels fish in the SPRFMO Convention Area shall report the live weight for all species / species groups caught during the previous calendar year to the Commission. The Commission shall forward that information to the SPRFMO Secretariat by 30 June. In exceptional cases, and only where a written notification is submitted to the Commission by 15 June explaining the need for an extension, the Member State may get an extension to submit provisional data by 30 June and final data as soon as possible but not later than 15 September. The Commission shall forward the explanation and provisional data to the SPRFMO Secretariat by 30 June and the final data by 30 September.';
- (3) Annexes I, V, X, XI and XII are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the fourth 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, 12.6.2026

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