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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On 13 September 2023, SUDESTMED High-Level Group informed the Commission of errors in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. of 22 August 2023¹, as regards the omission of hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX) and the inclusion of three species for which an exemption was not requested (common sole (*Solea solea*), lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) and crawfish (*Palinuridae*) caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX).

SUDESTMED High-Level Group requested the Commission to correct those errors, in order for the exemption concerned to include hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX) and to delete the exemption for common sole (*Solea solea*), lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) and crawfish (*Palinuridae*) caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX), therefore reflecting their Joint Recommendation of 2 May, which includes explicitly hake (*Merluccius merluccius*) caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX) while not including common sole (*Solea solea*), lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) and crawfish (*Palinuridae*) caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX).

Moreover, the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries had assessed the requested exemption for hake (*Merluccius Merluccius*) caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX).

Commission Delegated Regulation of 22 August 2023 should, therefore, be corrected accordingly. Given the substantive nature of the errors, the transmission of this corrigendum triggers a new deadline for objections.

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. of 22 August 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the establishment of a *de minimis* exemption to the landing obligation for certain demersal fisheries in the Adriatic and south-eastern Mediterranean Sea (C(2023) 5529 final)

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On page 11, in Article 3, point (b)(vi)

for:

‘(vi) for European seabass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), annular seabream (*Diplodus annularis*), sharpsnout seabream (*Diplodus puntazzo*), white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*), two-banded seabream (*Diplodus vulgaris*), groupers (*Epinephelus spp.*), striped seabream (*Lithognathus mormyrus*), blackspot seabream (*Pagellus bogaraveo*), Spanish seabream (*Pagellus acarne*), common pandora (*Pagellus erythrinus*), common seabream (*Pagrus pagrus*), wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*), gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*), common sole (*Solea solea*), lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) and crawfish (*Palinuridae*) up to a maximum of 1% of the total annual catches of those species caught by vessels using hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL, LTL, LX). In case landings of those species are less than 25% of the total landings of the fisheries, the quantities to be discarded may be up to a maximum of 3% of the total annual catches of those species.’

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