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To:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
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Subject:	COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... amending Regulation (EU) 2024/2594 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries

Delegations will find attached document C(2026) 7330 final.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The purpose of this delegated act is to amend Regulation (EU) 2024/2594⁽¹⁾ in order to implement into Union law the following measures adopted by the Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) at its 44th annual meeting in November 2025:

- *Recommendation 07:2026 to amend Article 5 of the NEAFC Scheme to publish the fishing gear of NEAFC fishing vessels*⁽²⁾. This Recommendation introduces changes to the mandatory information to be included in the NEAFC notifications of fishing vessels;
- *Recommendation 12:2026 to amend Articles 23 and 27 and Annexes XV A and B, of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement (GIES)*⁽³⁾. This Recommendation introduces changes in the templates for NEAFC port inspection reports.

Pursuant to Article 54(1)(b), (n) and (z) of Regulation (EU) 2024/2594, the Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 55 of the same Regulation, in order to implement such measures. The amendments are strictly limited to the implementation of measures amending or supplementing the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement and other NEAFC Recommendations.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

Member States were consulted in the run-up to and during the 44th NEAFC annual meeting in November 2025.

The Commission presented this Regulation to the co-legislators and consulted experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making ⁽⁴⁾ and Article 55(4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/2594.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

In accordance with Articles 54 and 55 of Regulation (EU) 2024/2594, this delegated act amends that Regulation in order to implement into Union law NEAFC Recommendations in force and which are binding on the Union.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/2594 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2024 laying down conservation, management and control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries (OJ L, 2024/2594, 8.10.2024, ELI: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2594/oj>).

² Recommendation 07:2026 to amend Article 5 of the NEAFC Scheme to publish the fishing gear of NEAFC fishing vessels, https://www.neafc.org/system/files/Rec_07-2026_Art5_Adding-fishing-gear-code-to-the-notification-of-vessels.pdf.

³ Recommendation 12:2026 to amend Articles 23 and 27 and Annexes XV A and B, of the NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement (GIES) https://www.neafc.org/system/files/Rec_12-2026_NEAFC-GIES.pdf.

⁴ Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on Better Law-Making (OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1-14, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinst/2016/512/oj).

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/2594 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2024 laying down conservation, management and control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries¹ and in particular Article 54(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union is a Contracting Party to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries ('NEAFC'), approved by Council Decision 81/608/EEC².
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2024/2594 implements into Union law the NEAFC conservation, management and control measures adopted until 2023.
- (3) At its annual meeting in November 2025, the NEAFC adopted Recommendations regarding the mandatory information to be included in the notification of fishing vessels, and on the updated templates for port State control forms. These Recommendations are binding on the Union and should be implemented into Union law. It is therefore appropriate to implement into Union law and through this Regulation the provisions on those Recommendations covered by the empowerment to the Commission provided by Article 54(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/2594,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) 2024/2594 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 8(6) is amended as follows:
 - (a) point (i) is replaced by the following:

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/2594 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2024 laying down conservation, management and control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulations (EEC) No 1899/85 and (EEC) No 1638/87 (OJ L, 2024/2594, 8.10.2024, ELI: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2594/oj>).

² Council Decision of 13 July 1981 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries (81/608/EEC) ([OJ L 227, 12.8.1981, p. 21](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/1981/608/oj), ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1981/608/oj>).

- ‘(i) vessel engine power;
- (b) the following point (ia) is inserted:
 - (ia) vessel main gear (where relevant); and’
 - ;
- (2) Annexes V and XXI are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 23.10.2026

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN