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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The purpose of the Delegated Regulation is to amend Regulation (EU) 2022/2056 [1] in order to implement the most recent changes to the conservation and management measures (CMMs) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), adopted at its 22nd Regular Session in December 2025.

This Delegated Regulation is based on WCPFC CMM 2025-05, which aims to mitigate the impact of fishing on seabirds. WCPFC CMM 2025-05 amends and replaces CMM 2018-03 and is binding on all contracting parties to the Convention, including the Union as from 3 February 2026. This Delegated Regulation implements it into Union law.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Delegated Regulation contains technical parts of WCPFC CMM 2025-05. The relevant Member States were consulted in the run-up to and during the WCPFC meetings at which those parts of WCPFC CMM 2025-05 were adopted, and they were consulted throughout the negotiations at the WCPFC annual meetings.

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[2].

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The Delegated Regulation amends Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2022/2056.

[1] Regulation (EU) 2022/2056 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 laying down conservation and management measures applicable in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Area and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 (OJ L276 6.22 p.1) ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2056/oj.

[2] 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).

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2022/2056 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 laying down conservation and management measures applicable in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Area and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 [3], and in particular Article 41(1), point (g), thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Union is party to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (the 'Convention'), which establishes the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), approved by Council Decision No 2005/75/EC [4].

(2) At its annual meeting in December 2025, the WCPFC amended its conservation and management measures (CMMs), and in particular Annex 1 to CMM 2025-05, which aims to mitigate the impact of fishing on seabirds.

(3) Those changes should also be implemented into Union law. Therefore, Regulation (EU) 2022/2056 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2022/2056 is 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*.

[3] OJ L 276, 26.10.2022, p. 1, http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2056/oj.

[4] Council Decision 2005/75/EC of 26 April 2004 on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (OJ L 32, 4.2.2005, p. 1.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30.10.2026

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN