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Delegations will find attached the above-mentioned document, as received from the European Commission services.

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## **Updates to Commission proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2024, 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/194 as regards deep-sea stocks [COM(2023) 587]**

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## 1. EXPLANATORY NOTE

### INTRODUCTION

The EU holds trilateral annual consultations with the United Kingdom (UK) and Norway on six shared and jointly managed stocks in the North Sea<sup>1</sup>, with the aim to agree on the management of those stocks, including the fishing opportunities for the next year. The total allowable catches (TACs) agreed in these consultations concerns stocks which are among those listed in Annexes 35, 36 (table A) and 37 of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)<sup>2</sup>. The corresponding EU and UK shares of the agreed TACs are set in the Annexes 35 and 36 of the TCA.

Moreover, the EU holds bilateral annual consultations with Norway on two shared and jointly managed stocks in the Skagerrak area<sup>3</sup>, with the aim to agree on the management of those stocks, including the fishing opportunities for the next year. These consultations also cover the exchange of quotas and access arrangements.

Neither of the two consultations mentioned above has been successfully concluded, and to avoid negatively impacting the fisheries sector while negotiations are still ongoing, it is proposed to set provisional TACs for the stocks covered by those consultations for the first quarter of 2024. These provisional TACs are to be made available in EU waters and, where relevant, UK waters.

TAC tables for coastal States stocks (Atlanto-Scandian herring, mackerel and blue whiting) and stocks in Greenland waters, which are stocks previously used in the exchange of fishing opportunities with third countries, will be updated before or during the Council meeting of 10-11 December 2023. In case the bilateral consultations with Norway are not successfully concluded at the latest during the Council meeting, it is proposed to set definitive EU and Member States quotas setting aside quantities for anticipated transfers to third countries.

### APPROACH

The provisional TACs and quotas aim to ensure the continuation of sustainable EU fishing activities until the consultations are successfully concluded or, if they cannot be concluded successfully, until

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<sup>1</sup> Cod in Cod (*Gadus morhua*) in Subarea 4, divisions 6.a and 7.d, and Subdivision 20 (North Sea, West of Scotland, eastern English Channel, and Skagerrak); Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in Subarea 4, Division 6.a, and Subdivision 20 (North Sea, West of Scotland, Skagerrak); Herring (*Clupea harengus*) in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a and 7.d, autumn spawners (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat, eastern English Channel); Plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*) in Subarea 4 (North Sea) and Subdivision 20 (Skagerrak); Saithe (*Pollachius virens*) in subareas 4 and 6, and in Division 3.a (North Sea, Rockall and West of Scotland, Skagerrak and Kattegat); Whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) in Subarea 4 and Division 7.d (North Sea and eastern English Channel).

<sup>2</sup> Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part (OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10).

<sup>3</sup> Northern shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*) in divisions 3.a and 4.a East (Skagerrak and Kattegat and northern North Sea in the Norwegian Deep); Whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) in Division 3.a (Skagerrak and Kattegat).

the Council sets definitive unilateral EU TACs for 2024. The provisional TACs and quotas should be set in compliance with the applicable EU legal framework and international obligations.

As a general approach, it is proposed to set provisional TACs for 2024 based on a rollover of the TACs set for 2023 by applying a 25% ratio to the levels of those TACs, in order to cover the first quarter of 2024. The shares of the provisional TACs should be allocated to the EU and the UK based on the Parties' respective shares of the fishing opportunities for 2024 as enshrined in the TCA. The provisional EU TACs and quotas take account of limited discards based on applicable exemptions from the landing obligation applicable in 2024. This is without prejudice to any approach that may be taken in the future.

Bilateral annual consultations between the EU and the UK were concluded and the Written Record signed on [5] December 2023. In these consultations, the EU agreed with the UK, among others, to implement the alignment of the management area of the TAC for whiting in the Celtic Sea, as agreed by the Specialised Committee on Fisheries in Recommendation 3/2023. EU and UK catch limits were therefore created under the TAC for whiting in the Celtic Sea (WHG/7X7A-C) in ICES divisions 7d and 7b-c,e-k respectively, by means of footnotes. Given that the TAC covering ICES division 7d is to be agreed as part of the EU-UK-Norway trilateral consultations, the EU and the UK could only agree on the level of the TAC in ICES divisions 7b-c, e-k and not the overall TAC for whiting in the Celtic Sea (WHG/7X7A-C). It is therefore proposed to establish a provisional TAC for whiting in the Celtic Sea, pending the successful outcome of the trilateral consultations with the UK and Norway. That provisional TAC is calculated as 25% of the TAC for ICES divisions 7b-c, e-k (agreed in bilateral consultations with the UK for 2024), plus 25% of the TAC for ICES division 7d agreed in trilateral consultations with the UK and Norway for 2023. This will be updated to reflect the confirmed TAC for this area if agreed trilaterally.

If consultations are successfully concluded, the Commission services will either issue non-papers updating the Commission's proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2024 the fishing opportunities of certain fish stocks, or the Commission will issue a proposal to amend that Regulation, if already adopted.

EU vessels will be able to fish for the stocks under the provisional TACs in EU and international waters of ICES subareas and divisions indicated in the relevant fishing opportunities tables, as well as in the relevant waters of third countries that will have granted access to their waters.

It is proposed that all existing inter-area and inter-species flexibilities be maintained, albeit limited and constrained by the levels of the provisional TACs.

It is also proposed to maintain the remedial measures on North Sea cod (*Gadus morhua*) jointly agreed in 2023 with the United Kingdom and Norway to allow for the recovery and long-term sustainable management of the stock, in accordance with Article 13 of the North Sea MAP.

## 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

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Recitals 57 to 59 are replaced by the following:

“(57) Every year, the Union, the United Kingdom and Norway hold trilateral consultations on six shared and jointly managed stocks occurring within Union, United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of the North Sea and adjacent areas, with the aim to agree on management of those

stocks including the fishing opportunities for the next year. In parallel, the Union holds bilateral annual consultations with Norway on the exchange of quotas and access arrangements. The Union participates in those consultations on the basis of its position endorsed by the Council on 12 October 2023.

- (57a) The two consultations have not yet been successfully concluded. Provisional TACs should therefore be set in order to ensure legal certainty for Union operators and to ensure the continuation of sustainable fishing activities until an agreement is reached.
- (57b) To cover the first quarter of 2024, the provisional TACs for stocks covered by the trilateral consultations between the Union, the United Kingdom and Norway are based on a rollover of the TACs set for those stocks for 2023, applying a 25% ratio to the levels of those TACs. In the case of whiting (*Merlangius merlangus*) in ICES divisions 7b-k (Celtic Sea), the provisional TAC takes into account the level of the TAC agreed in ICES divisions 7b-c, e-k in bilateral consultations with the United Kingdom.
- (57c) In accordance with Article 499(9) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the Union is to immediately notify the United Kingdom of the provisional TACs set by the Union and the Parties' respective shares of those TACs.
- (58) Pending the successful conclusion of ongoing bilateral consultations between the Union and Norway, Union quotas in Norwegian waters should be marked as 'to be established'. For stocks previously part of the exchange of fishing opportunities with Norway, provisional TACs and quotas are set taking into account set aside quantities for anticipated transfers to third countries.
- (59) Remedial measures jointly agreed in 2023 with the United Kingdom and Norway on North Sea cod (*Gadus morhua*) should be maintained to allow for the recovery and long-term sustainable management of the stock, in accordance with Article 13 of the North Sea MAP.”

The following Article is inserted:

*“Article 6a  
Application of provisional TACs*

1. Where a reference is made to this paragraph in a fishing opportunities table in Annex IA or Annex IB, the TACs in that table shall apply provisionally from 1 January to 31 March 2024. Those provisional TACs shall be without prejudice to setting definitive TACs for 2024 in line with the outcomes of international negotiations and/or consultations, in accordance with the scientific advice and the applicable provisions of Regulations (EU) No 1380/2013 (EU) 2019/973 and (EU) 2019/472.
2. Union vessels may fish for stocks subject to provisional TACs referred to in the first paragraph in Union and international waters and in waters of third countries that have granted access to their waters for Union vessels.

In Article 16, the square brackets are deleted.

### 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEXES

In Annex IA, Part B, the following tables are replaced:

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Species:	Tusk <i>Brosme brosme</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (USK/04-N.)
Belgium	To be established	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	To be established	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
France	To be established		
Netherlands	To be established		
Union	To be established		
TAC	Not relevant		

Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	3a (HER/03A.)
Denmark	2 443 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Germany	39 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Sweden	2 555 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	5 037 <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Norway	776 <sup>(2)</sup>		
TAC	5 813		

<sup>(1)</sup> Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

<sup>(2)</sup> Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/\*03A.) and HER/03A-BC (HER/\*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a:

Denmark	138
Germany	2
Sweden	102
Union	242
Norway	42

<sup>(3)</sup> Special condition: up to 50% of this amount may be fished in United Kingdom waters of 4 (HER/\*04-UK), and 50% may be fished in Union waters of 4b (HER/\*4B-EU).

Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	Union, United Kingdom and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53°30'N (HER/4AB.)
Denmark	13 873	Analytical TAC	
Germany	9 352	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
France	4 889	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Netherlands	12 291		
Sweden	938		
Union	41 343		
Faroe Islands	0		
Norway	28 750 <sup>(2)</sup>		

TAC	99 139
(1)	Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.
(2)	Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC. Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in Union waters of 4b (HER/*04B-C): To be established
Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken by the Union in Norwegian waters south of 62°N:	
Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HER/*4N-S62)	
Union	To be established

**Table 12**

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HER/4N-S62)
Sweden	To be established (1)	Analytical TAC	
Union	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
(1)	By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.		

**Table 13**

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	3a (HER/03A-BC)								
Denmark	1 423 (1)(2)(3)	Analytical TAC									
Germany	13 (1)(2)(3)	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies									
Sweden	229 (1)(2)(3)	Article 6a of this Regulation applies									
Union	1 665 (1)(2)(3)										
TAC	1 665 (2)										
(1)	Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm.										
(2)	Only the following amounts of the herring stocks HER/03A. (HER/*03A) and HER/03A-BC (HER/*03A-BC) may be fished in 3a:										
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Denmark</td> <td>138</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Germany</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sweden</td> <td>102</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Union</td> <td>242</td> </tr> </table>			Denmark	138	Germany	2	Sweden	102	Union	242
Denmark	138										
Germany	2										
Sweden	102										
Union	242										
(3)	Special condition: up to 50% of this quota may be fished in Union waters of 4 (HER/*4-EU-BC).										

**Table 14**

Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	4 and 7d; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HER/2A47DX)
Belgium	10	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	1 845	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	10	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
France	10		
Netherlands	10		
Sweden	9		
Union	1 894		
United Kingdom	35		

TAC 1 929

(1) Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm.

**Table 15**

Species:	Herring(1) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone:	4c and 7d(2) (HER/4CXB7D)
Belgium	8 203 <sup>(3)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	659 <sup>(3)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	472 <sup>(3)</sup>	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
France	9 950 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Netherlands	19 269 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Union	38 553 <sup>(3)</sup>		
United Kingdom	5 068 <sup>(3)</sup>		
TAC	99 139		

(1) Exclusively for catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.

(2) Except Blackwater stock, i.e. the herring stock in the maritime region of the Thames estuary within a zone delimited by a rhumb line running due south from Landguard Point (51°56'N, 1°19,1'E) to latitude 51°33'N and hence due west to a point on the coast of the United Kingdom.

(3) Special condition: up to 50 % of this quota may be taken in 4b (HER/\*04B.).

**Table 21**

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Skagerrak (COD/03AN.)
Belgium	8	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	2 538	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	64	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Netherlands	16	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Sweden	444		
Union	3 070		
TAC	774		

**Table 22**

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat (COD/2A3AX4)
Belgium	132 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	759	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	481	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	163 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Netherlands	429 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Sweden	5		
Union	1 969		
Norway	920 <sup>(2)</sup>		
United Kingdom	2 524 <sup>(1)</sup>		
TAC	5 413		

(1) Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in: 7d (COD/\*07D.).

(2) Of which no more than the following quantity may be taken in Union waters (COD/\*3AX4-EU). Catches taken

within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

To be established

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:  
Norwegian waters of 4 (COD/\*04N-)

Union To be established

**Table 23**

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (COD/4N-S62)
Sweden	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Union	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
<sup>(1)</sup> By-catches of haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for those species.			

**Table 25**

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00'W (COD/5BE6A)
Belgium	0 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Germany	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 8 of this Regulation applies	
France	43 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Ireland	17 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	64 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
United Kingdom	239 <sup>(1)</sup>		
TAC	303 <sup>(1)</sup>		
<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches of cod in fisheries for other species. No directed fisheries for cod are permitted under this quota.			

**Table 28**

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	7d (COD/07D.)
Belgium	14 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
France	264 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Netherlands	8 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	286 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
United Kingdom	29 <sup>(2)</sup>		
TAC	315		
<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in 4, the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat and United Kingdom waters of 2a (COD/*2A3X4).			
<sup>(2)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4, the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat and United Kingdom waters of 2a (COD/*2A3X4X).			

**Table 34**

Species:	Anglerfishes <i>Lophiidae</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (ANF/04-N.)
Belgium	To be established	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	To be established	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Netherlands	To be established		

Union To be established

TAC Not relevant

**Table 38**

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	3a (HAD/03A.)
Belgium	4	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	723	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	46	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Netherlands	1		
Sweden	86		
Union	860		
TAC	897		

**Table 39**

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (HAD/2AC4.)
Belgium	86 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	594 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	378 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
France	661 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Netherlands	65 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Sweden	55 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Union	1 839 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Norway	3 358 <sup>(2)</sup>		
United Kingdom	9 404		
TAC	14 601		

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (HAD/\*6AN58).

<sup>(2)</sup> Of which [to be established] tonnes may be taken in Union waters (HAD/\*04-EU). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones: Norwegian waters of 4 (HAD/\*04N-)

Union To be established

**Table 40**

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (HAD/4N-S62)
Sweden	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Union	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
TAC	Not relevant	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
<sup>(1)</sup>	By-catches of cod, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.		

**Table 42**

Species:	Haddock	Zone:	6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b
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<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>		(HAD/5BC6A.)
Belgium	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC
Germany	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
France	180 <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 6a of this Regulation applies
Ireland	128 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Union	316 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	1 311	
TAC	1 627	
<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4.).		

**Table 45**

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 3a (WHG/03A.)
Denmark	33	Precautionary TAC
Netherlands	0	Article 6a of this Regulation applies
Sweden	4	
Union	37	
TAC	42	

**Table 46**

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (WHG/2AC4.)
Belgium	0	Analytical TAC
Denmark	0	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	0	Article 6a of this Regulation applies
France	2 114	
Netherlands	0	
Sweden	0	
Union	2 114	
Norway	857 <sup>(1)</sup>	
United Kingdom	5 546	
TAC	8 574	
<sup>(1)</sup> Of which [to be established] tonnes may be taken in Union waters (WHG/*04-EU). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.		

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:  
Norwegian waters of 4 (WHG/\*04N-)

Union	To be established
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**Table 49**

Species:	Whiting <i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	Zone: 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k (WHG/7X7A-C)
Belgium	31	Analytical TAC
France	1 934	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Ireland	897	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Netherlands	16	

Union 2 878 <sup>(3)(4)</sup>  
 United Kingdom 372 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

TAC 3 315

- (1) Of which up to 135 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this 'of which'.
- (2) Of which up to 237 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d.
- (3) Of which up to 1 044 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this 'of which'.
- (4) Of which up to 1 834 tonnes may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d.

**Table 50**

Species:	Whiting and pollack <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> and <i>Pollachius pollachius</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (W/P/4N-S62)
Sweden	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Precautionary TAC	
Union	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	

TAC Not relevant

- (1) By-catches of cod, haddock and saithe are to be counted against the quota for these species.

**Table 53**

Species:	Hake <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (HKE/04-N.)
Belgium	To be established	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Germany	To be established		
France	To be established		
Netherlands	To be established		
Sweden	Not relevant		
Union	To be established		

TAC Not relevant

**Table 70**

Species:	Ling <i>Molva molva</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (LIN/04-N.)
Belgium	To be established	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	To be established	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
France	To be established		
Netherlands	To be established		
Union	To be established		

TAC Not relevant

**Table 72**

Species:	Norway lobster <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (NEP/04-N.)
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Denmark	To be established	Analytical TAC
Germany	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	To be established	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 6a of this Regulation applies
TAC	Not relevant	

**Table 77**

Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62°N (PRA/4N-S62)
Denmark	To be established	Analytical TAC	
Sweden	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	To be established	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
TAC	Not relevant		
<sup>(1)</sup> By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for these species.			

**Table 78**

Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	Skagerrak (PLE/03AN.)
Belgium	21	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	2 763	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	14	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Netherlands	531		
Sweden	148		
Union	3 477		
TAC	4 446		

**Table 79**

Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone:	4; United Kingdom waters of 2a; the part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and the Kattegat (PLE/2A3AX4)
Belgium	1 415	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	4 599	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany	1 327	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
France	265		
Netherlands	8 843		
Union	16 449		
Norway	2 326 <sup>(1)</sup>		
United Kingdom	8 795		
TAC	33 231		

<sup>(1)</sup> Of which [to be established] tonnes may be taken in Union waters (PLE/\*3AX4-EU). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zone:  
Norwegian waters of 4 (PLE/\*04N-)

Union	To be established
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**Table 87**

Species: Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone: 3a and 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (POK/2C3A4)
Belgium	4 <sup>(1)</sup> Analytical TAC
Denmark	497 <sup>(1)</sup> Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	1 254 <sup>(1)</sup> Article 6a of this Regulation applies
France	2 951 <sup>(1)</sup>
Netherlands	13 <sup>(1)</sup>
Sweden	68 <sup>(1)</sup>
Union	4 787 <sup>(1)</sup>
Norway	6 939 <sup>(2)</sup>
United Kingdom	1 618
TAC	13 344

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 15% may be fished in United Kingdom, Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'N (POK/\*6AN58).

<sup>(2)</sup> Of which [to be established] tonnes may be taken in Union waters of 4 and in 3a (POK/\*3A4-C). Catches taken within this quota are to be deducted from Norway's share of the TAC.

Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantity given below may be taken in the following zone:  
Norwegian waters of 4 (POK/\*04N-)

Union	To be established
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**Table 88**

Species: Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone: 6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14 (POK/56-14)
Germany	64 <sup>(1)</sup> Analytical TAC
France	631 <sup>(1)</sup> Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Ireland	21 <sup>(1)</sup> Article 6a of this Regulation applies
Union	716 <sup>(1)</sup>
Norway	0
United Kingdom	669
TAC	1 385

<sup>(1)</sup> Special condition: of which up to 30% may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4 (POK/\*2AC4C)

**Table 89**

Species: Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone: Norwegian waters south of 62°N (POK/4N-S62)
Sweden	To be established <sup>(1)</sup> Analytical TAC
Union	To be established Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	Not relevant Article 6a of this Regulation applies
<sup>(1)</sup>	By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack and whiting are to be counted against the quota for these species.

**Table 118**

Species: Industrial fish	Zone: Norwegian waters of 4 (I/F/04-N.)
Sweden	To be established <sup>(1)(2)</sup> Precautionary TAC
Union	To be established Article 6a of this Regulation applies

TAC	Not relevant
(1)	By-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe to be counted against the quotas for these species.
(2)	Special condition: of which no more than the following amount of horse mackerel (JAX/*04-N.): To be established

**Table 120**

Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 4 (OTH/04-N.)
Belgium	To be established	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Germany	To be established		
France	To be established		
Netherlands	To be established		
Sweden	Not relevant (1)		
Union	To be established (2)		

TAC	Not relevant
(1)	Quota of 'other species' allocated by Norway to Sweden at a traditional level.
(2)	Species not covered by other TACs.

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In Annex IB, the following Tables are replaced:

**Table 2**

Species:	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (COD/1N2AB.)
Germany	To be established	Analytical TAC	
Greece	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	To be established	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Ireland	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
France	To be established		
Portugal	To be established		
Union	To be established		

TAC Not relevant

**Table 10**

Species:	Haddock <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (HAD/1N2AB.)
Germany	To be established	Analytical TAC	
France	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	To be established	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 6a of this Regulation applies	

TAC Not relevant

**Table 15**

Species:	Saithe <i>Pollachius virens</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (POK/1N2AB.)
Germany	To be established	Analytical TAC	
France	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

Union	To be established	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 6a of this Regulation applies
TAC	Not relevant	

**Table 18**

Species:	Greenland halibut <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (GHL/1N2AB.)
Germany	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
Union	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
TAC	Not relevant		
<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.			

**Table 22**

Species:	Redfish <i>Sebastes mentella</i>	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (REB/1N2AB.)
Germany	To be established	Analytical TAC	
Spain	To be established	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	To be established	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	To be established	Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
Union	To be established		
TAC	Not relevant		

**Table 27**

Species:	Other species	Zone:	Norwegian waters of 1 and 2 (OTH/1N2AB.)
Germany	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Analytical TAC	
France	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	To be established <sup>(1)</sup>	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply Article 6a of this Regulation applies	
TAC	Not relevant		
<sup>(1)</sup> Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.			