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**NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
No. Cion doc.:	ST 5779/22 + ADD 1 - COM(2022) 54 final
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2022/109 fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Union waters and for Union fishing vessels in certain non-Union waters - Spanish comments

Delegations will find attached written comments by the Spanish delegation on the above-mentioned document.



**COMMENTS OF SPAIN ON COMMISSION PROPOSAL OF REGULATION ABOUT  
FISHING POSSIBILITIES FOR 2022 (Document ST 5779/22 + ADD1)**

In relation with article 9.2 of the regulation, the expiring date for the quota-exchange mechanism that takes into account the landing obligation and make quotas for certain by-catches is 31 of March of 2022.

Due to the late finalization of negotiations with UK for fixing fishing opportunities for 2022, there has been a delay in the disposal of this regulation with definite 2022 quotas for those stocks shared with UK. For this reason we ask for a modification of that mentioned date at least until 30 of April, in order to have time enough for the negotiations of such swaps once that Member States know their final amount of quotas for the stocks involved in that quota-exchange mechanism. The date proposed is proportional to the delay on the publication of these definite quotas. This mechanism is crucial for Spanish fleet interests as through it some quotas of choke quota 0 stocks are provided.

Regarding the quotas allocated to Spain for ICCAT stock in the Council Regulation 2022/109, Spain reminds that figures do not include the carry-over of previous years. It should be clearly stated that the quota in the proposal needs to be complemented with the corresponding carry-over. In the case of Spain these are the final quotas and pending tons for each stock:

Stock	EU quota	Relative stability ES	Pending	Total 2022	Commission Proposal
ALB	28.653	17.765	526	18.291	17.890
SWO-N	6.677	5.525	829	6.354	5.558
SWO-S	4.824	4.526	84	4.610	4.526

Spain needs to ensure that the carry-over of N-ALB, N-SWO and S-SWO quotas for 2022 are included in the first TQR amendment, so we kindly ask the Commission to organise a meeting in order to present the calculations concerning the ICCAT carry-over for 2022 and to give some clarifications concerning the processes and deadlines for amendments to the regulation.

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