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Updates to Commission proposal for a Council Regulation amending and correcting Regulation (EU) 2024/257 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 water [COM(2024) 114 final]

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1. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO WITCH FLOUNDER, LEMON SOLE AND BRILL IN THE SKAGERRAK-KATTEGAT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 6 December 2023, the EU and the UK concluded bilateral consultations on the setting of fishing opportunities for stocks listed in Annex 35 to the 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[1] ('Trade and Cooperation Agreement'). The outcome of those consultations was documented in a Written Record signed on 6 December 2023, supplemented by an addendum on 8 December 2023, and implemented in EU law through Council Regulation (EU) 2024/257[2].

In those bilateral consultations, the EU and the UK inter alia established, for the first time, TACs for: (i) witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*) in EU waters of International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) division 3a (Skagerrak-Kattegat); (ii) lemon sole (*Microstomus kitt*) in that area; and (iii) brill (*Scophthalmus rhombus*) in that area. Pending an agreement between Member States on how those fishing opportunities are to be allocated, the TACs for those stocks were marked 'to be established' in Regulation (EU) 2024/257. In order to allow the Member States concerned to use the fishing opportunities for witch flounder and lemon sole in ICES division 3a, the Commission proposal included the TAC and EU quota for those stocks at the levels set out in the Written Record. Similarly, in order to allow Member States concerned to use the fishing opportunities for brill in ICES division 3a, it is proposed to fix the TAC and EU quota for that stock at the level set out in the Written Record.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (3) is replaced by the following:

(3) In the bilateral consultations on the setting of fishing opportunities for stocks listed in Annex 35 to the 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[3] ('Trade and Cooperation Agreement'), the Union and the United Kingdom established, for the first time, TACs for: (i) witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*) in Union waters of ICES division 3a; (ii) lemon sole (*Microstomus kitt*) in that area; and (iii) brill (*Scophthalmus rhombus*) in that area. Pending an agreement between Member States on how those fishing opportunities are to be allocated, the TACs for those stocks were marked 'to be established' in Regulation (EU) 2024/257. In order to allow Member States to use those fishing opportunities, the TAC and Union quota for those stocks should be fixed at the level agreed with the United Kingdom.

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1 OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10.
2 OJ L, 2024/257, 11.01.2024.
3 OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX

In the Annex, the following point 5a is inserted:

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(5a) In Part B of Annex IA, Table 94 is replaced by the following:

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Table 94					
Species:	Brill *Scophthalmus rhombus*			Zone:	Union waters of 3a (BLL/03A-C.)
Union	148	(1)		Analytical TAC	
TAC	148				
(1)	Of which up to 100 % may be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (BLL/*2AC4-C1)				

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2. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO ICCAT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Fishing effort limits for EU vessels fishing for bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Convention area and maximum input and capacity for EU farms of bluefin tuna in that area are based on information provided in the annual fishing plans, the annual fishing capacity management plans and the annual farming management plans for bluefin tuna of Member States.

Member States are to transmit those plans to the Commission by 31 January each year, pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 of the European Parliament and of the Council[4]. Those plans are then compiled by the Commission and form the basis for the establishment of an EU annual plan, which is transmitted to the ICCAT Secretariat for discussion and approval by ICCAT, as required by Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2053. The 2024 EU annual plan was approved by ICCAT on 6 March 2024. Therefore, it is proposed to amend the EU fishing effort limits and EU maximum farming input and capacity for 2024 in line with that annual plan.

Under several ICCAT recommendations, the EU may, upon request, carry over a percentage of its unused quota of ICCAT stocks from the penultimate or the preceding year to a given year, according to rules for each stock as laid down by ICCAT. Once the amendment to Regulation (EU) 2017/2017 implementing those recommendations in EU law enters into force, it will be possible for Member States' unused quota for relevant ICCAT stocks from the penultimate or the preceding year to be added to their quota for a given year. Pending the entry into force of the last amendment to Regulation (EU) 2017/2017, Council Regulation (EU) 2024/257 sets quotas for individual Member States for ICCAT stocks on the basis of a total EU quota for 2024 as agreed by ICCAT before any adjustments due to overfishing or underfishing by Member States.

The EU quotas for ICCAT stocks for 2024 were adjusted during the ICCAT annual meeting in November 2023 in accordance with several ICCAT recommendations pursuant to which the EU may, upon request, carry over a percentage of its unused quota from 2022 to 2024. Therefore, and in order to allow, before the start of the fishing seasons for the concerned stocks, the use of those quantities carried over, it is proposed to: (i) amend the EU quota for 2024 for Northern albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) (ALB/AN05N), for Southern albacore (ALB/AS05N), for Bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) in the Atlantic Ocean (BET/ATLANT), as well as for swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (SWO/AN05N), and for swordfish in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N (SWO/AS05N), to reflect such adjustments to the EU quota; and (ii) to amend the Member States quotas under those EU quotas accordingly, taking into account the principle of relative stability.

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[4] Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, amending Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EU) 2017/2107, and (EU) 2019/833 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 (OJ L 238, 27.9.2023, p. 1).

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (7) is replaced by the following:

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(7) Fishing effort limits for Union vessels fishing for bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Convention area and maximum input and capacity for Union farms of bluefin tuna in that area are based on information provided in the annual fishing plans, the annual fishing capacity management plans and the annual farming management plans for bluefin tuna of Member States. Member States are to transmit those plans to the Commission by 31 January each year, pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 of the European Parliament and of the Council[5]. Those plans are then compiled by the Commission and form the basis for the establishment of a Union annual plan, which is transmitted to the ICCAT Secretariat for discussion and approval by ICCAT, as required by Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2053. The 2024 Union annual plan was approved by ICCAT on 6 March 2024. The Union fishing effort limits and Union maximum farming input and capacity for 2024 should therefore be amended in line with that annual plan.

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The following recital (7a) is inserted:

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(7a) The Union quotas for stocks in the ICCAT Convention area for 2024 were adjusted during the ICCAT annual meeting in November 2023 in accordance with several ICCAT recommendations under which the Union may, upon request, carry over a set percentage of its unused quota of fishing opportunities from 2022 to 2024. Therefore, and in order to allow, before the start of the fishing seasons for the concerned stocks, the use of those quantities carried over: (i) the Union quotas for northern albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*) (ALB/AN05N), for southern albacore (ALB/AS05N), for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) in the Atlantic Ocean (BET/ATLANT), as well as for swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5° N (SWO/AN05N), and for swordfish in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 5° N (SWO/AS05N) should be amended to reflect such adjustments to the Union quota; and (ii) the Member States quotas under those Union quotas should be amended accordingly, taking into account the principle of relative stability.

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5 Regulation (EU) 2023/2053 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, amending Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EU) 2017/2107, and (EU) 2019/833 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 (OJ L 238, 27.9.2023, p. 1).

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX

In the Annex, points 12 to 14 are replaced by the following:

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(12) In Annex VI, point 4 is replaced by the following:

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4.	Maximum number of fishing vessels of each Member State that may be authorised to fish for, retain on board, tranship, transport or land bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

Table A

	Number of fishing vessels[1]							
	Greece[2]	Spain	France	Croatia	Italy	Cyprus[3]	Malta[4]	Portugal
Purse seiners[5]	0	7	22	18	21	1	2	0
Longliners	0	38	23	0	40	17	63	0
Baitboats	0	66	8	0	0	0	0	0
Handline	0	1	47	138	0	0	0	0
Trawlers	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0
Small-scale coastal	64	696	89	0	0	0	0	0
Other artisanal[6]	41	0	60	0	142	0	240	76

(1) The numbers in this table may be further increased, provided that the Union's international obligations are complied with.

(2) One medium-size purse seiner has been replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and three other artisanal vessels.

(3) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels, or by one small purse seiner and no more than three longline vessels.

(4) One medium-size purse seiner may be replaced by no more than 10 longline vessels.

(5) The individual numbers of purse seiners in this table are the result of transfers between Member States and do not constitute historical rights for the future.

(6) Polyvalent vessels, using multi-gear equipment (longline, handline, trolling line).

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(13) In Annex VI, point 5 is replaced by the following:

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5. Maximum number of traps engaged in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery authorised by each Member State

Maximum number of traps	
Member State	Number of traps
Spain	6
Italy	5
Portugal	2

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(14) In Annex VI, point 6 is replaced by the following:

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6. Maximum bluefin tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity for each Member State and maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna that each Member State may allocate to its farms in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

Table A

Maximum tuna farming capacity and fattening capacity		
	Number of farms	Capacity (in tonnes)
Greece	0	0
Spain	7	15 860,72
Croatia	4	7 880,00
Italy	3	1 160,00
Cyprus	0	0
Malta	6	17 213,00
Portugal	2	667

Table B

Maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)

Maximum input of wild-caught bluefin tuna (in tonnes)	
Greece	0
Spain	11,329.09
Croatia	3,225.10
Italy	610.00
Cyprus	0
Malta	12,295.00
Portugal	517.00

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In the Annex, the following point 9b is inserted:

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(9b) In Annex ID, Tables 7, 8, 11, 14 and 15 are replaced by the following:

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Table 7

Species:	Northern Albacore *Thunnus alalunga*		Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N (ALB/AN05N)
Ireland	4 310,57		Analytical TAC	
Spain	24 295,97		Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	7 641,47		Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	2 664,72			
Union	38 912,73	(1)(2)		
TAC	47 251			

(1) The number of Union fishing vessels fishing for Northern albacore as a target species shall be: 1 241.

(2) Special condition: Within the limit of this quota, no more than the following quantity may be taken in United Kingdom waters (ALB/*AN05N-UK): 280,00.

Table 8

Species:	Southern Albacore *Thunnus alalunga*	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N (ALB/AS05N)

Spain	1 051,30	Analytical TAC
France	345,49	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Portugal	735,71	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	2 132,50	
TAC	28 000	

Table 11

Species:	Bigeye tuna *Thunnus obesus*		Zone:	Atlantic Ocean (BET/ATLANT)
Spain	8 079,90	(1)	Analytical TAC	
France	3 431,99	(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Portugal	3 067,50	(1)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	14 579,39	(1)		
TAC	62 000	(1)		

(1) Catches of bigeye tuna by purse seiners (BET/*ATLPS) and longliners with an overall length of 20 metres and above (BET/*ATLLL) shall be reported separately. As of June, when catches reach 80 % of the quota, Member States are required to transmit the catches for these fishing vessels on a weekly basis.

Table 14

Species:	Swordfish *Xiphias gladius*		Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N (SWO/AN05N)
Spain	6 294,13	(2)	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	1 143,97	(2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Other Member States	168,10	(1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Union	7 606,20			
TAC	13 200			

(1) Exclusively for by-catches. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/AN05N_AMS).

(2) Special condition: up to 2,39 % of this quantity may be fished in the Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N (SWO/*AS05N). Catches to be counted against the special condition of the shared quota shall be reported separately (SWO/*AS05N_AMS).

Table 15

Species:	Swordfish *Xiphias gladius*		Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, south of 5°N (SWO/AS05N)
Spain	4 978,46	(1)	Analytical TAC	
Portugal	327,94	(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	

Union	5 306,40	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	10 000	

(1) Special condition: up to 3,51% of this quantity may be fished in the Atlantic Ocean, north of 5°N (SWO/*AN05N).

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3. AMENDMENTS IN RELATION TO CORRECTION OF ERRORS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In Part B of Annex IA, Part B, to Regulation (EU) 2024/257 the following additional errors should be corrected:

- Table 68 for ling (*Molva molva*) in EU waters of ICES division 3a: the sum of Member States' quotas calculated based on relative stability is 143 tonnes, one tonne below the EU quota of 144 tonnes. Following established practice, the difference is added to the quota of the Member State with the highest quota, in this case Denmark.

- Table 73 for Norway lobster (*Nephrops norvegicus*) in United Kingdom and EU waters of ICES subarea 4; United Kingdom waters of subarea 2: the sum of Member States' quotas calculated based on relative stability is 2 833 tonnes, one tonne below the EU quota of 2 834 tonnes. Following established practice, the difference is added to the quota of the Member State or Member States with the highest quota, in this case Belgium and Denmark.

- Table 79 for Northern prawn (*Pandalus borealis*) in Norwegian waters south of 62ºN: The EU quota should be corrected so that it corresponds to the sum of the quota for Denmark and the quota for Sweden under that EU quota.

- Table 103 for mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, special condition for UK and international waters of ICES zones 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14) in footnote 2: the sum of Member States' quotas calculated based on relative stability is 14 904 tonnes, one tonne above the EU quota of 14 903 tonnes. Following established practice, the difference is subtracted from the quota of the Member State with the highest quota, in this Denmark.

- Table 111 for common sole (*Solea solea*) in ICES divisions 7f and 7g: the quota for France should be corrected to address an error in the calculation of that quota.

In Annex ID to Regulation (EU) 2024/257, the following errors should be corrected:

- Table 12 for bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) in the Atlantic Ocean, east of 45°W, and Mediterranean: The EU quota in footnote 6 should be corrected so that it corresponds to the only Member State quota under that EU quota, the quota for Croatia.

- Table 16 for swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) in the Mediterranean: the sum of Member States' quotas calculated based on relative stability is 6 363,64 tonnes, 0,01 tonnes below the EU quota of 6 363,63 tonnes. Following established practice, the difference is added to the quota of the Member State with the highest quota, in this case Italy.

In Annex IF to Regulation (EU) 2024/257, the TAC for southern bluefin tuna (*Thunnus maccoyii*) should be corrected, to reflect the outcome of the 2023 annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT).

AMENDMENTS TO THE RECITALS

Recital (11) is replaced by the following:

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(11) Certain errors in the TAC tables in the Annexes to Regulation (EU) 2024/257 should be corrected. Those include errors concerning: (i) TACs, Union and Member States quotas; (ii) the type of TAC (i.e. 'analytical TAC’ or ‘precautionary TAC’); (iii) area descriptions; and (iv) reporting codes. In addition, in those Annexes, certain provisions should be clarified in: (i) the TAC tables for undulate ray (*Raja undulata*) in respectively Union waters of ICES subarea 8 and of subarea 9; and (ii) the TAC tables for mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX

In the Annex, the following point 4a is inserted:

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(4a) In Part B of Annex IA, Table 68 is replaced by the following:

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Table 68			
Species:	Ling *Molva molva*	Zone:	Union waters of 3a (LIN/03A-C.)
Belgium	11	Precautionary TAC	
Denmark	88		
Germany	11		
Sweden	34		
Union	144		
United Kingdom	0		
TAC	144		

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In the Annex, the following point 4b is inserted:

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(4b) In Part B of Annex IA, Table 73 is replaced by the following:

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Table 73				
Species:	Norway lobster *Nephrops norvegicus*		Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (NEP/2AC4-C)
Belgium		1 107,5	Analytical TAC	
Denmark		1 107,5	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Germany		16		
France		33		
Netherlands		570		
Union		2 834		
United Kingdom		18 350		
TAC		21 184		

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In the Annex, the following point 4c is inserted:

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(4c) In Part B of Annex IA, Table 79 is replaced by the following:

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Table 79			
Species:	Northern prawn	Zone:	Norwegian waters south of 62ºN

	Pandalus borealis		(PRA/4N-S62)
Denmark	50		Analytical TAC
Sweden	123	(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	173		Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	Not relevant		

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

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In the Annex, point 8 is replaced by the following:

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(8) In Part B of Annex IA, Table 103 is replaced by the following:

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Table 103

Species:	Mackerel	Zone:	Union waters of 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d; United Kingdom waters of 2a; Union and United Kingdom waters of 4; Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a
	Scomber scombrus		(MAC/2A34-N)
Belgium	476 (1)(2)		Analytical TAC
Denmark	27 882 (1)(2)(4)		Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies
Germany	496 (1)(2)		
France	1 498 (1)(2)		
Netherlands	1 508 (1)(2)		
Sweden	4 569 (1)(2)(3)		
Union	36 429 (1)(2)		
TAC	739 386		

(1) Special condition: within the limits of these quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the following zones.

	3a (MAC/*03A.)	United Kingdom and Union waters of 3a, 4b and 4c (MAC/*3A4BC)	4b (MAC/*04B.)	4c (MAC/*04C.)	United Kingdom and international waters of 2a, 5b, 6, 7, 8d, 8e, 12 and 14 (MAC/*2AX14)
Belgium	0	0	0	0	286

Denmark	0	4 130	0	0	9 774
Germany	0	0	0	0	298
France	0	490	0	0	899
Netherlands	0	490	0	0	905
Sweden	0	0	390	10	2 741
Union	0	5 110	390	10	14 903

(2) Within the limits of these quotas, and in agreement with the relevant coastal State, no more than the quantities given below may also be taken in the two following zones:

	Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*02A4AN-)	Faroese waters (MAC/*FRO1)
Belgium	0	To be established
Denmark	0	To be established
Germany	0	To be established
France	0	To be established
Netherlands	0	To be established
Sweden	0	To be established
Union	0	To be established

(3) Special condition: including the following tonnage to be taken in Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a (MAC/*2A4AN):

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When fishing under this special condition, by-catches of cod, haddock, pollack, whiting and saithe are to be counted against the quotas for these species.

(4) Within the limits of this quota, the following transfers are made by Denmark to be fished in United Kingdom and Union waters of 6, 7, 8d; Union waters of 8a, 8b and 8e; international waters of 12 and 14; and United Kingdom and international waters of 2a and 5b (MAC/*2A14):

Germany	531
Spain	1
Estonia	4
France	354
Ireland	1 769
Latvia	3
Lithuania	3
Netherlands	774
Poland	37

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In the Annex, the following point 9a is inserted:

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(9a) In Part B of Annex IA, Table 111 is replaced by the following:

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Table 111			
Species:	Common sole *Solea solea*	Zone:	7f and 7g (SOL/7FG.)
Belgium	730	Analytical TAC	
France	73	Article 7(2) of this Regulation applies	
Ireland	37		
Union	840		
United Kingdom	405		
TAC	1 267		

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In the Annex, the following point 9c is inserted:

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(9c) In Annex ID, footnote 6 of Table 9 is replaced by the following:

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(6)	Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocations between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna between 8 kg/75 cm and 30 kg/115 cm by the vessels referred to in point 3 of Annex VI for farming purposes (BFT/*8303F):

Croatia	952,17
Union	952,17

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In the Annex, the following point 9d is inserted:

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(9d) In Annex ID, Table 16 is replaced by the following:

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Table 16				
Species:	Swordfish *Xiphias gladius*		Zone:	Mediterranean Sea (SWO/MED)
Croatia	13,74	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC	
Cyprus	50,67	(1)(2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	1 565,04	(1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	109,08	(1)(2)		
Greece	1 036,02	(1)(2)		
Italy	3 208,44	(1)(2)		
Malta	380,64	(1)(2)		
Union	6 363,63	(1)(2)		
TAC	9 017			

(1)	This quota may only be fished from 1 April to 31 December.
(2)	Special condition: by-catches of Mediterranean swordfish are to be counted against this quota, but shall be reported separately (SWO/MED-BC). Dead catches of Mediterranean swordfish from sport and recreational fisheries are to be counted against this quota, but shall be reported separately (SWO/MED-SR).

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In the Annex, the following point 9e is inserted:

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(9e) Annex IF is replaced by the following:

"**ANNEX IF**

SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA – AREAS OF DISTRIBUTION

Species:	Southern bluefin tuna *Thunnus maccoyii*		Zone:	All areas of distribution (SBF/F41-81)
Union	13	(1)	Analytical TAC	
TAC	20 642		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	
(1)	Exclusively for by-catches. No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota.			

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