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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

**amending Regulation (EU) 2025/202 fixing for 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities
for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in
certain non-Union waters**

ANNEX

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2025/202

Regulation (EU) 2025/202 is amended as follows:

(1) In Annex IA, Part A, Table 2(1) is replaced by the following:

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Table 2(1)			
Species:	Anchovy <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>		Zone: 9W ⁽¹⁾ and 10 (ANE/9WX10)
Spain	pm	⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC
Portugal	pm	⁽²⁾	
Union	pm	⁽²⁾	
TAC	pm	⁽²⁾	
(1)	Part of subarea 9 west of the line connecting the following points:		
	Point	Latitude	Longitude
	1	36°00'00"N	11°00'00"W
	2	37°01'20"N	8°59'47"W
(2)	This quota may be fished only from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.		

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(2) In Annex IA, Part B, Tables 77 and 79 are replaced by the following:

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Table 77			
Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>		Zone: 3a (PRA/03A.)
Denmark	pm	⁽¹⁾	Analytical TAC
Sweden	pm	⁽¹⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	pm	⁽¹⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
TAC	pm	⁽¹⁾	
(1)	This quota may only be fished from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.		

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Table 79			
Species:	Northern prawn <i>Pandalus borealis</i>		Zone: Norwegian waters south of 62°N (PRA/4N-S62)
Denmark	pm		Analytical TAC
Sweden	pm	(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Union	pm		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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(3) In Annex IA, Part B, Tables 113 and 114 are replaced by the following:

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Table 113			
Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		Zone: 3a (SPR/03A.)
Denmark	pm	(1)(2)(3)	Analytical TAC
Germany	pm	(1)(2)(3)	
Sweden	pm	(1)(2)(3)	
Union	pm	(1)(2)(3)	
TAC	pm	(2)	
(1)	Up to 5 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting and haddock (OTH/*03A.). By-catches of whiting and haddock counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.		
(2)	This quota shall apply from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.		
(3)	Transfers of this quota may be effected to United Kingdom and Union waters of 2a and 4. However, such transfers shall be notified in advance to the Commission and to the United Kingdom.		

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Table 114			
Species:	Sprat and associated by-catches <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone:	United Kingdom and Union waters of 4; United Kingdom waters of 2a (SPR/2AC4-C)
Belgium	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Analytical TAC	
Denmark	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Germany	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Netherlands	pm ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		

Sweden	pm	(1)(2)(3)
Union	pm	(1)(2)
Norway	pm	(1)
Faroe Islands	pm	(1)(4)
United Kingdom	pm	(1)
TAC	pm	(1)

(1) The quota shall apply from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

(2) Up to 2 % of the quota may consist of by-catches of whiting (OTH/*2AC4C). By-catches of whiting counted against the quota pursuant to this provision and by-catches of species counted against the quota pursuant to Article 15(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall, together, not exceed 9 % of the quota.

(3) Including sandeels.

(4) May contain up to 4 % of by-catch of herring.

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(4) In Annex IA, Part B, Table 115 is replaced by the following:

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Table 115			
Species:	Sprat	Zone:	7d and 7e
	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>		(SPR/7DE.)
Belgium	pm	(1)	Analytical TAC
Denmark	pm	(1)	
Germany	pm	(1)	
France	pm	(1)	
Netherlands	pm	(1)	
Union	pm	(1)	
United Kingdom	pm	(1)	
TAC	pm	(1)	
(1)	The quota shall apply from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.		

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(5) In Annex IA, Part F, Table 7 is replaced by the following:

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Table 7			
Species:	Red seabream	Zone:	Union and international waters of 10
	<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>		(SBR/10-)
Spain	pm		Analytical TAC
Portugal	pm		
Union	pm		

United Kingdom pm

TAC pm

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(6) In Annex IC, Table 1 is replaced by the following:

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Table 1			
Species:	Cod	Zone:	NAFO 2J3KL
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>		(COD/N2J3KL)
Bulgaria	pm	(1)(2)	Analytical TAC
Germany	pm	(1)(2)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Estonia	pm	(1)(2)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply
Spain	pm	(1)(2)	
France	pm	(1)(2)	
Latvia	pm	(1)(2)	
Lithuania	pm	(1)(2)	
Poland	pm	(1)(2)	
Portugal	pm	(1)(2)	
Romania	pm	(1)(2)	
Union	pm	(1)(2)	
TAC	pm	(1)(2)	
(1)	This quota shall apply from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.		
(2)	No directed fisheries are permitted under this quota between 00:00 UTC 15 April 2026 and 23:59 UTC 30 June 2026. During this period, this species shall only be taken as by-catch within the following limits: a maximum of 1 250 kg or 5 %, whichever is greater.		

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(7) In Annex ID, Table 12 is replaced by the following:

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Table 12			
Species:	Bluefin tuna	Zone:	Atlantic Ocean, east of 45°W, and Mediterranean
	<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>		(BFT/AE45WM)
Cyprus	195,17 (4)	Analytical TAC	
Greece	350,95	Article 3(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
Spain	7 161,64 (2)(4)	Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply	
France	7 132,06 (2)(3)(4)		

Croatia	1 127,25	(6)
Italy	5 628,97	(4)(5)
Malta	450,68	(4)
Portugal	650,83	
Other Member States	80,60	(1)
Union	22 778,15	(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)

TAC 40 570,00

(1)	Except Cyprus, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Malta and Portugal, and exclusively as by-catch. Catches to be counted against this shared quota shall be reported separately (BFT/AE45WM_AMS).												
(2)	Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation 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 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*8301):												
	<table> <tr> <td>Spain</td><td>1 088,70</td></tr> <tr> <td>France</td><td>505,77</td></tr> <tr> <td>Union</td><td>1 594,47</td></tr> </table>	Spain	1 088,70	France	505,77	Union	1 594,47						
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France	505,77												
Union	1 594,47												
(3)	Special condition: within this TAC, the following catch limits and allocation between Member States shall apply to catches of bluefin tuna weighing no less than 6,4 kg or measuring no less than 70 cm by the vessels referred to in point 1 of Annex VI (BFT/*641):												
	<table> <tr> <td>France</td><td>100,00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Union</td><td>100,00</td></tr> </table>	France	100,00	Union	100,00								
France	100,00												
Union	100,00												
(4)	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 2 of Annex VI (BFT/*8302):												
	<table> <tr> <td>Spain</td><td>143,23</td></tr> <tr> <td>France</td><td>142,64</td></tr> <tr> <td>Italy</td><td>112,58</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cyprus</td><td>3,90</td></tr> <tr> <td>Malta</td><td>9,01</td></tr> <tr> <td>Union</td><td>411,36</td></tr> </table>	Spain	143,23	France	142,64	Italy	112,58	Cyprus	3,90	Malta	9,01	Union	411,36
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Italy	112,58												
Cyprus	3,90												
Malta	9,01												
Union	411,36												
(5)	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 (BFT/*643):												
	<table> <tr> <td>Italy</td><td>112,58</td></tr> <tr> <td>Union</td><td>112,58</td></tr> </table>	Italy	112,58	Union	112,58								
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Union	112,58												
(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):												
	<table> <tr> <td>Croatia</td><td>1 014,53</td></tr> <tr> <td>Union</td><td>1 014,53</td></tr> </table>	Croatia	1 014,53	Union	1 014,53								
Croatia	1 014,53												
Union	1 014,53												
(7)	After transfer of 200 tonnes from Iceland to the Union.												

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(8) Annex IM is replaced by the following:

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ANNEX IM

NPFC CONVENTION AREA

Table 1

Species:	Chub mackerel <i>Scomber japonicus</i>	Zone:	NPFC Convention area				
Union	6 000 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	Precautionary TAC					
NPFC Contracting Parties, including Union	66 740 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 shall not apply					
TAC	Not relevant						
⁽¹⁾	May only be fished from 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2026.						
⁽²⁾	Special condition: under this catch limit no more than the quantities given below may be taken by the following vessels:						
	<table><tr><td>Trawlers* (MAS/NPFC-TR)</td><td>Purse seiners* (MAS/NPFC-PS)</td></tr><tr><td>7 940</td><td>58 800</td></tr></table>			Trawlers* (MAS/NPFC-TR)	Purse seiners* (MAS/NPFC-PS)	7 940	58 800
Trawlers* (MAS/NPFC-TR)	Purse seiners* (MAS/NPFC-PS)						
7 940	58 800						
	* The fisheries under those catch limits will be closed by NPFC Contracting Parties, including for the Union by the Commission, within two days from the issue date of the notice of the NPFC Executive Secretary that the utilisation of those catch limits has reached 95 %.						
⁽³⁾	Only one trawler flying the flag of a Member State shall be authorised to fish for chub mackerel at any time. That applies without prejudice to any allocation of future fishing opportunities by the Union in the NPFC Convention area, in particular to the Member State authorised to fish in the period from 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2026.						
⁽⁴⁾	Union fishing vessels over 10 000 gross tonnage shall not be authorised to fish for chub mackerel.						
⁽⁵⁾	Catches under this quota shall be reported separately (MAS/NPFC-EU).						
⁽⁶⁾	After carry-over of 1 740 tonnes from the preceding fishing season, i.e. 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025, in accordance with NPFC rules.						

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