



# **Revision of the Fisheries Control System**

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## **Commission's proposal**

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*Commission's proposal amends 5 regulations*

- *Council Reg. 1224/2009 => **Control Regulation,***
- *Council Reg. 768/2005 => **EFCA Founding Regulation,***
- *Council Reg. 1967/2006 => **Mediterranean Regulation,***
- *Council Reg. No 1005/2008 => **IUU Regulation,***
- *Reg. 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council => **Baltic Multiannual plan***

*as regards fisheries control*

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- **Improve availability, reliability and completeness of fisheries data and information, in particular of catch data**
- **Simplify the current legislative framework and reduce administrative burden**
- **Bridge the gaps with the CFP and with other policies**
- **Remove obstacles that hinder the development of a culture of compliance and the equitable treatment of operators within and across Member States**



## SPECIFIC AREAS FOR REVISION

### 1. Enforcement rules (Articles 89 to 93)

### 2. Data: availability, quality and sharing

- Reporting and tracking for vessels < 12 m
- Control of recreational fisheries
- Weighing, transport documents and sales notes

### 3. Bridge the gap with the CFP

- Control of the landing obligation
- Monitoring engine power
- National Control Action Programmes

### 4. Increased synergies with other policies

- Environment
- Food Law
- Market control (and traceability)

### 5. Alignment with the Lisbon Treaty

### EFCA's Founding Regulation

### IUU and changes to the Baltic MAP and MED Regulation



Clarification  
Simplification  
Digitisation

## **TOPICS of TODAY**

- 1. Logbook**
- 2. Prior Notification**
- 3. Weighing, Transport and Sale of Fishery Products**
- 4. Traceability**
- 5. Recreational Fisheries**
- 6. Changes to Regulation on Mediterranean Sea**

# 1. LOGBOOK

**Objective => Reliable and complete fisheries data including for small scale fisheries**

- 1) For all vessels, including vessels below 12m
  - Electronic logbook and electronic reporting of catches (no paper logbooks)
  - ERS is not required: an alternative cost effective systems may be used
  - Logbook sent before entering port
- 2) No derogation for 'small quantities'
  - All catches must be reported in the logbook => no derogation for catches below 50kg per species

## 1. LOGBOOK (cont'd)

### 3) Margin of Tolerance (Article 14(4) in the proposal):

- Difference between the quantities retained on board and the logbook cannot exceed 10% per species => unchanged
- For catches of less than 50 kg per species: Margin of tolerance is 20% instead of 10%
- Derogation for certain unsorted landings

## 2. PRIOR NOTIFICATION

### **Prior notifications for vessels landing in EU ports (Article 17)**

- For all vessels above 12 m (no longer limited to stocks under multiannual plans) (provision amended)
- 4 hours before the estimated time of arrival at port (existing)

Exceptions:

- Coastal Member States can set a shorter period of notification for vessels flying its flag (new provision)
- Coastal Member States can give permission to an earlier entry (case by case) (existing)

### **Prior notification for Union fishing vessels landing in third country ports (new provision – Article 19a)**

- 3 days before the estimated time of arrival
- Flag Member State can set a shorter period: 4 hours



### 3. WEIGHING, TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS and SALES NOTES

#### **WEIGHING (Article 60)**

**Objectives: Dependable weighing ; simplification of the provisions ; easier to control**

- Weighing by a registered operator at landing. Any operator can become a registered weigher (e.g. masters, transporters, buyers etc.)
- Responsibility of the master to ensure that fishery products are weighed by registered weigher → completion of Weighing Record, Landing Declaration & Transport Document
- Simplification of weighing provisions → All fisheries products must be weighed at landing
- No derogation for weighing on board and after transport
- Specific procedures for unsorted landings



### 3. WEIGHING, TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS and SALES NOTES

#### **TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS (Article 68)**

#### **Objective of the amendments: Improve reliability and completeness of data**

Requirements to record in a digital way and submit electronically transport documents

The reporting from operators to competent authorities (flag state, state of landing, state of sale) is simplified

New information on: Unique fishing trip identifier & registered weigher

### **3. WEIGHING, TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS and SALES NOTES**

#### **SALES NOTES (Articles 64 and 65)**

#### **Objective: Improve reliability and completeness of data**

- Electronic submission for all buyers (not limited to registered buyers with more 200 KE turnover)
- Derogation for sales to non-registered buyers for private consumption is amended (30kg =>5kg)
- New information on: Unique fishing trip identifier, registered weigher, transport document & take over declaration
- Responsibilities and accountability of operators in the supply chain are clarified

## 4. TRACEABILITY

**Objective: Allow controls in the supply chain from the first sale to retail stage of fishery and aquaculture products**

- Provisions on lots are clarified (definition & Article 56a)
- Processed products and imported products are covered
- Traceability information: Linking a specific lot of fishery products to a particular landing by an EU fishing vessel



- Information recorded and transmitted electronically
- Derogation for products sold to consumers (maximum of 5 kg of fishery products)

## 5. RECREATIONAL FISHERIES (Article 55)

**Objective => Reliable fisheries data & control of conservation measures**

- Simple registration/licence system for all recreational fishermen/women
  - ⇒ **In order to know the number of participants and better assess the impact of recreational fisheries on stocks**
- Catches to be reported for species subject to EU conservation measures specific to recreational fisheries
  - ⇒ **In order to record accurately the catches for those species for which there are specific rules**



## **6. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 1967/2006 ON THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA**

### **Objective: Alignment with the Control Regulation**

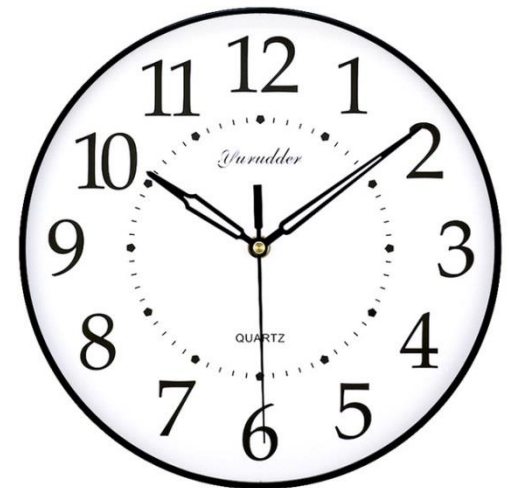
- In Art.17 of Reg. 1967/2006 on Leisure fisheries: para. 2 to 6 are deleted. There should be no sale of fishery products coming from recreational fisheries.
- Art. 20(1) 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of Reg. 1967/2006 is deleted (sampling)
- Art. 21 of Reg. 1967/2006 on transshipment is deleted: Rules concerning transshipment in the Control Regulation (Art. 21 and 20) will apply.

## DATE OF APPLICATION

Amendments to the Control regulation, IUU regulation, Mediterranean Sea Regulation and Baltic MAP

=> 24 months after Entry into Force

Time needed to adopt Implementing and Delegated acts and develop ICT tools



Changes to EFCA Founding Regulation

=> Immediate entry into force