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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2024/2658

of 3 October 2024

establishing a fisheries closure for hake in GFCM geographical subareas 8, 9, 10 and 11 for demersal longliners flying the flag of Italy and having an overall length equal or superior to 18 meters and inferior to 24 meters

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, amending Regulations (EC) No 847/96, (EC) No 2371/2002, (EC) No 811/2004, (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 2115/2005, (EC) No 2166/2005, (EC) No 388/2006, (EC) No 509/2007, (EC) No 676/2007, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1300/2008, (EC) No 1342/2008 and repealing Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1627/94 and (EC) No 1966/2006 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2024/259 ⁽²⁾ lays down fishing opportunities for 2024.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, the maximum allowable fishing effort related to hake in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) geographical subareas 8, 9, 10 and 11 and applicable to demersal longliners flying the flag of or registered in Italy having an overall length equal or superior to 18 meters and inferior to 24 meters, is deemed to have been reached for 2024.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit certain fishing activities for that stock group,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Effort exhaustion

The maximum allowable fishing effort allocated to Italy for the stock group of hake in GFCM geographical subareas 8, 9, 10 and 11 for 2024 referred to in the Annex shall be deemed to be reached from the date set out in that Annex.

Article 2

Prohibitions

Fishing activities for the stock referred to in Article 1 by demersal longliners flying the flag of or registered in Italy and having an overall length equal or superior to 18 meters and inferior to 24 meters shall be prohibited from the date set out in the Annex. In particular it shall be prohibited to retain on board, relocate, tranship or land fish from that stock caught by those vessels after that date.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2024/259 of 10 January 2024 fixing for 2024 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas (OJ L, 2024/259, 11.1.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/259/oj>).

*Article 3***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 October 2024.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ
Executive Vice-President*

ANNEX

No	07/TQ259
Member State	Italy
Fishing effort group code	EFF1/MED2_LL3
Stock group	Hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>) in GSAs 8, 9, 10 and 11
Vessels concerned	Demersal longliners ≥ 18 m and < 24 m
Closing date	7 September 2024