



COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2025/838

of 19 February 2025

amending Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards data reporting for the jack mackerel fishery, technical failure of the satellite-tracking device, vessel data requirements in Annex V, transshipment data requirements in Annexes VII, VIII and IX, and port data requirements in Annexes XI and XII

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/975 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) Convention Area ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 43, points (a), (b) and (f), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Council Decision 2012/130/EU ⁽²⁾, the Union is a Contracting Party to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, which established the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation ('the SPRFMO'), since 26 July 2010.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2018/975 implements into Union law the management, conservation and control measures adopted by the SPRFMO ('conservation and management measures') at its annual meetings between 2013 and 2017.
- (3) At its annual meetings in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, the SPRFMO adopted amendments to existing conservation and management measures.
- (4) Those amendments should be implemented into Union law. Regulation (EU) 2018/975 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) 2018/975 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 7(2), points (a) and (b) are replaced by the following:
 - '(a) by the 15th day of each month, the list of fishing vessels flying their flag that are actively fishing or engaged in transshipment in the SPRFMO Convention Area in the preceding month. The Commission shall transmit that information to the SPRFMO Secretariat by the 20th day of each month;
 - (b) not later than 45 days before the SPRFMO Scientific Committee meeting, the annual scientific report covering the previous year, including observer data to the maximum extent possible. The Commission shall transmit that information to the SPRFMO Secretariat not later than 30 days before the SPRFMO Scientific Committee meeting.;
- (2) in Article 41, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Member States shall ensure that, in the event that the technical failure of the satellite tracking device has not been solved within 30 days from the commencement of the reporting obligation as specified in paragraph 1, fishing vessels flying their flag cease fishing, stow all fishing gear and return to port without delay to repair the satellite-tracking device.;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 16.7.2018, p. 30, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/975/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 2012/130/EU of 3 October 2011 on the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (OJ L 67, 6.3.2012, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2012/130\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2012/130(1)/oj)).

- (3) Annexes V, VII, VIII, IX, XI and XII are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

Points 2, 3 and 4 of the Annex shall apply from 1 October 2025.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 February 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Annexes V, VII, VIII, IX, XI and XII to Regulation (EU) 2018/975 are amended as follows:

1. Annex V is amended as follows:
 - (1) In section 1, point (xv) is replaced by the following:
'(xv) Hold capacity (m³; if applicable)';
 - (2) In section 1, point (xxvi) is replaced by the following:
'(xxvi) Good quality high resolution digital photographs of the vessel of appropriate brightness and contrast, no older than 5 years at the time the vessel is first authorised, which shall consist of at least:
 - (i) one photograph showing the starboard side of the vessel displaying its full overall length and complete structural features;
 - (ii) one photograph showing the port side of the vessel displaying its full overall length and complete structural features;
 - (iii) one photograph showing the stern taken directly from astern, including any superstructure.
 Photos shall be updated when changes to the vessel characteristics are made (e.g. modified hull, superstructure, external markings). Photos shall be submitted in one of the following file formats: jpeg, png, or tiff.';
2. Annex VII is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX VII

Advanced transhipment notification

1. Transhipment details
 - (a) Member State providing the data submission
 - (b) Anticipated transhipment date (UTC)
 - (c) Anticipated transhipment time (UTC), if available
 - (d) Anticipated transhipment latitude (decimal degrees)
 - (e) Anticipated transhipment longitude (decimal degrees)
 - (f) Form completed by (vessel name)
2. Details of unloading vessel
 - (a) Name of vessel
 - (b) Registration number
 - (c) IRCS
 - (d) Vessel flag state
 - (e) IMO number
 - (f) Name and nationality of vessel master
 - (g) Estimated quantity by weight of fish on board prior to the transhipment by species, product form and catch area
 - (h) Estimated quantity by weight to be transhipped by species, product form and catch area
3. Details of receiving vessel
 - (a) Name of vessel
 - (b) Registration number
 - (c) IRCS
 - (d) Vessel flag state
 - (e) IMO number
 - (f) Name and nationality of vessel master

- (g) Estimated quantity by weight of fish on board prior to the transhipment by species, product form and catch area.”;

3. Annex VIII is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX VIII

Observer Transhipment Log Sheet

1. Details of unloading fishing vessel

Name of vessel	
Registration number	
IRCS	
Vessel flag State	
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	

2. Details of receiving fishing vessel

Name of vessel	
Registration number	
Radio call sign	
Vessel flag State	
IMO number	
Master's name and nationality	

3. Transhipment operation

Date and time of commencement of transhipment (UTC)		
Date and time of completion of transhipment (UTC)		
If transhipment in port: Name, country, and code (¹) of port		
If transhipment at sea: Position (nearest 1/10th degree) at commencement of transhipment		
If transhipment at sea: Position (nearest 1/10th degree) at completion of transhipment		
Description of product type by species (such as whole, frozen fish in 20 kg cartons)		
Species	Product type	
Species	Product type	
Species	Product type	
Number of cartons, net weight (kg) of product, by species		
Species	Cartons	Net weight
Species	Cartons	Net weight
Species	Cartons	Net weight
Species	Cartons	Net weight

Total net weight of product transhipped (kg)	
Hold numbers in reefer vessel in which product is stowed	
Destination port and country of receiving fishing vessel	
Estimated arrival date	
Estimated landing date	
⁽¹⁾ United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (UN/LOCODE).	

4. Observations (if applicable)

5. Verification

Name of observer	
Authority	
Signature'	

4. Annex IX is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX IX

Transhipment Declaration

1. Details of unloading fishing vessel

- (a) Name of vessel
- (b) Registration number
- (c) IRCS
- (d) Vessel flag state
- (e) IMO number
- (f) Name and nationality of vessel master

2. Details of receiving fishing vessel

- (a) Name of vessel
- (b) Registration number
- (c) IRCS
- (d) Vessel flag state
- (e) IMO number
- (f) Name and nationality of vessel master

3. Details of transhipment operation

- (a) Date and time of commencement of transhipment (UTC)
- (b) Date and time of completion of transhipment (UTC)
- (c) If transhipped in port:
Port state, name of port and port code
- (d) If transhipped at sea:
 - (i) Position (nearest 1/10th degree) at commencement of transhipment (latitude and longitude; decimal degree)
 - (ii) Position (nearest 1/10th degree) at completion of transhipment (latitude and longitude; decimal degree)

- (e) Destination port of receiving fishing vessel ⁽¹⁾
- (f) Arrival date estimate
- (g) Landing date estimate
- (h) Hold numbers in receiving fishing vessel in which product is stowed
- 4. Details of fishery resources transhipped
 - (a) Details of fishery resources transhipped
 - (i) Species code (3-letter FAO code)
 - (ii) Description of species, by product type (e.g. whole, frozen fish)
 - (iii) Container/carton type
 - (iv) Number of cartons and net weight (kg) of product by container/carton type and by species
 - (v) Total net weight of product transhipped (kg)
 - (b) Fishing gear used ⁽²⁾
- 5. Verification
 - (a) Name of observer
 - (b) Authority

⁽¹⁾ If this information changes, the Transhipment Declaration shall be updated and re-submitted no later than 72 hours before landing transhipped SPRFMO managed products in port.

⁽²⁾ International Standard Classification of fishing gears (ISSCFG). This information only needs to be provided by the unloading vessel.

5. Annex XI is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX XI

Port call request

1. Port call information

Port of call	Last port	Date of last port call

2. Vessel identification

Vessel name	Vessel flag	IMO number	Call sign	External identification
Type of vessel	Vessel contact information	Vessel owner(s)	RFMO ID (if applicable)	Certificate of registry ID

3. VMS

VMS operational?	VMS reporting to national FMC?	VMS reporting to SPRFMO?
Type		

4. Vessel dimensions

Length	Beam	Draft (Moulded depth)

5. Vessel master name and nationality

Vessel master name	Vessel master nationality

6. Relevant transshipment authorisation(s)

Identifier	Issued by	Valid dates

7. Transshipment information (concerning donor vessels)

Date	Location (Lat/Long)	Donor vessel name	Flag State of donor vessel	IMO number	Species	Product state	FAO Area of capture	Quantity (kg)

8. Port call details

Intended port of call ⁽¹⁾	Port state	Purpose ⁽²⁾ of port call	Estimated arrival date	Estimated arrival time	Current date

⁽¹⁾ Shall be a designated port as listed on the SPRFMO port register.

⁽²⁾ E.g. landing, transshipment, refueling.

9. SPRFMO managed species held on-board

Species	FAO area of capture	Product state	Total kilograms held on-board (estimated)	Amount to be transhipped/landed (estimated)	Recipient of transhipped/landed amount

If no SPRFMO species and/or fish products originating from such species are held on board, then enter “nil”.

10. Relevant fishing authorisation details

Identifier	Issued by	Validity	Fishing area(s)	Species	Gear ⁽¹⁾
Fishing authorisation indicates vessel catch limit per species (Yes/No)		Species		Vessel catch limit per species ⁽²⁾	

⁽¹⁾ If the authorisation is limited to transshipments then enter "tranship" as the gear.

⁽²⁾ If the authorisation does not indicate vessel catch limit, enter N/A.

11. Crew list

Is a copy of the crew list attached? Yes/No;

6. Annex XII is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX XII

Port inspection report

1. Inspection details

Inspection report number			
Principal inspector's name			
Port state		Inspecting authority	
Port of inspection		Purpose of call	
Inspection start date		Inspection start time	
Inspection end date		Inspection end time	
Prior notification received?	Yes/No	Prior notification details consistent with inspection?	Yes/No

2. Vessel details

Vessel name		Vessel flag	
Vessel type		IRCS	
External identification		IMO number	
Vessel owner			
Vessel beneficial owner(s) (if known and different from vessel owner)			
Vessel operator			
Vessel master and nationality			
Vessel agent			
VMS present?	Yes/No	VMS type	

3. Relevant fishing authorisations

Authorisation identifier		Issued by	
Validity		Fishing areas	
Species		Gear ⁽¹⁾	
Is the vessel in the SPRFMO record of vessels?	Yes/No	Currently authorised?	Yes/No

⁽¹⁾ If the authorisation is for transhipment then enter "tranship" as the gear.

4. SPRFMO managed species off loaded (during this port call)

Species	FAO area of capture	Product state	Declared quantity off loaded (kg)	Quantity off loaded (kg)

5. SPRFMO managed species retained onboard

Species	FAO area of capture	Product state	Declared quantity held on-board (kg)	Quantity held on-board (kg)

6. SPRFMO managed species received from transhipment (during this port call)

Species	FAO area of capture	Product state	Declared quantity received (kg)	Quantity received (kg)

7. Examinations and findings

Section	Comments
Examination of logbooks and other documentation	
Compliance with applicable catch documentation scheme(s)	
Compliance with applicable trade information scheme(s)	
Type of gear onboard	
Findings by inspectors	
Apparent infringements (include reference to relevant legal instruments)	

Vessel master's comments
Actions taken
Vessel master's signature
Inspector's signature'
