

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2018/652**of 23 April 2018****establishing a temporary prohibition of fishing for redfish in NAFO 3M area by vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the European Union**

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2018/120 ⁽²⁾ lays down quotas for 2018.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the European Union have exhausted the mid-term quota allocated for the period before 1 July 2018.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit directed fishing activities for that stock until 30 June 2018,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to the Member States referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for the period from 1 January 2018 until 30 June 2018 included shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

*Article 2***Prohibitions**

Directed fishing activities for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member States referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex until 30 June 2018 included.

*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, 23 April 2018.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

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Director-General

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2018/120 of 23 January 2018 fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127 (OJ L 27, 31.1.2018, p. 1).

ANNEX

No	07/TQ120
Member State	European Union (All Member States)
Stock	RED/N3M.
Species	Redfish (<i>Sebastes</i> spp.)
Zone	NAFO 3M
Closing period	22 March 2018 until 30 June 2018