



Update on the exemptions to the landing obligation in the Mediterranean Sea

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATIONS (EU) IN 2023







De minimis exemption – Small pelagics

De minimis exemption to the landing obligation for certain small pelagic fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea - quantities of species may be discarded

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		Del. Reg. 2018/161 and Del. Reg. 2020/2012	Del. Reg. 2023/2460 of 22 August 2023 to be applied until 31 December 2027
	West Med	up to 5%	mid-water trawls and purse seines up to 5 %
	Adriatic Sea	up to 5%	mid-water trawls up to 5 %
anchovy, sardine,		5% (excepted GSAs 18 up to 3%)	purse seines up to 3 %
mackerel and horse mackerel	South – East Med	up to 5%	mid-water trawls up to 1 %
		5% (excepted GSAs 20,22,23 up to 3%)	(GSAs 20, 22 and 23) purse seine up to 3 %
		5% (excepted GSAs 15,16,19 up to 3%)	(GSAs 15, 16, 19 and 25) purse seine up to 1 %

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High survivability exemption West Med - Demersal species

High survival exemption to the landing obligation for species for which scientific	
evidence demonstrates high survival rates, in the western Mediterranean Sea	

	Del. Reg. 2021/2066 of 25 August 2021	Del. Reg. 2023/2462 of 22 August 2023	
scallop (Pecten jacobaeaus)	machanicad dradges (HMD)		
carpet clams (Veneupis spp.)	mechanised dredges (HMD)	CONFIRMED to be applied until 31 December 2027	
red sea bream	hooks and lines (LHP, LHM, LLS, LLD, LL,		
(Pagellus bogaraveo)	LTL, LX)		
lobster (Homarus gammarus)	. (21/2 21/2 21/2 21/2 27/		
crawfish (Palinuridae)	nets (GNS, GN, GND, GNC, GTN, GTR, GEN) and with pots and traps (FPO, FIX)		
caught with nets	GEN, and with pots and traps (11 0, 11x)		
Venus shells (Venus spp)	mechanised dredges (HMD)		
Norway lobster (Nephrops norvegicus)	all bottom trawls (OTB, OTT, PTB, TBN, TBS, TB, OT, PT, TX) during the months of January to June and September to December, pots and traps (FPO, FIX). Until 31 December 2024	to be applied until 31 December 2024	





De minimis exemption West Med - Demersal species

De minimis exemption to the landing obligation for for certain demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea - quantities of species may be discarded				
	Del. Reg. 2021/2066 of 25 August 2021	Del. Reg. 2023/2462 of 22 August 2023 to be applied until 31 December 2027		
hake (<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>) and	Bottom trawls up to 5%	CONFIRMED		
mullets (Mullus spp.)	Gillnets and trammel nets up to 1%	CONFIRMED		
European seabass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>), annular seabream (<i>Diplodus annularis</i>), sharpsnout seabream (<i>Diplodus puntazzo</i>), white seabream (<i>Diplodus sargus</i>), two-banded seabream	Bottom trawls up to 5%	CONFIRMED		
(Diplodus vulgaris), groupers (Epinephelus spp.), striped seabream (Lithognathus mormyrus), Spanish seabream (Pagellus acarne), red seabream (Pagellus bogaraveo), common	Gillnets and trammel nets up to 3%	CONFIRMED		
pandora (<i>Pagellus erythrinus</i>), common seabream (<i>Pagrus pagrus</i>), wreckfish (<i>Polyprion americanus</i>), common sole (<i>Solea solea</i>), gilthead seabream (<i>Sparus aurata</i>)	Hook and lines un to 1%	CONFIRMED		
deep-water rose shrimp (<i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i>) www.n	Bottom trawls up to 5% ned-ac.eu	CONFIRMED		







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