

BMV-GUIDELINE

**for the implementation of
Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 11 December 2013
on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (CMO)
regarding the provisions for the labelling of fishery and aquaculture products
as of 13.12.2014**

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Preamble

The provisions of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (CMO) impose new, additional requirements regarding the labelling of information for the marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, which shall apply from 13 December 2014.

Although legal texts should be coherent, the interpretation of some provisions may differ.

The Federal Association of the Fishery Sector (BMV) has prepared this guideline for its member companies.

The guideline should facilitate the implementation of the provisions for the labelling of fishery and aquaculture products. The guideline will be updated in the event of amendments, corrections or new findings after implementation.

Please note that it will be the duty of the national courts and the Court of Justice of the European Union to bindingly interpret and execute the provisions of this Regulation.

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1. Legal basis

In principle, fishery and aquaculture products sold to final consumers must comply with the general labelling requirements of the European and German food laws. Close attention must be paid to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers, which shall apply from 13 December 2014. Simultaneously, the requirements for consumer information of chapter IV of the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (CMO) shall apply.

The provisions mentioned in this guideline are exclusively based on the provisions of chapter IV of the new CMO. Within the entire value chain of the relevant fishery and aquaculture products, additional legal requirements regarding consumer information have to be respected.

The implementation of article 4 of the CMO regarding consumer information (Regulation [EC] No 104/2000) as of 2002 until 12 December 2014 is regulated within Regulation (EC) No 2065/2001. Article 46 “Repeal” of the new CMO determines the repeal of Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 applicable from 12 December 2014. With the implementing Regulation (EU) No 1420/2013 the repeal of Regulation (EC) No 2065/2001 has been published with effect of 13.12.2014.

2. Scope

The scope of the provisions is determined in article 35 paragraph 1 of the CMO-Regulation in connection with Annex I. Following differentiations must be noted:

1. The provisions of the CMO only apply for fishery and aquaculture products marketed on retail level within the Union, offered for sale to the final consumer or to mass caterers. The inclusion of mass caterers is new but without any consequence, as mass caterers are included within the definition “retail” (see Article 5 letter g)).
2. The provisions are valid only for fishery and aquaculture products listed in Annex I of the Regulation under letters a, b, c and e, irrespective of their origin or of their marketing method.

These provisions refer to *unprocessed* fishery and aquaculture products, as processed products made from fish, crustaceans and molluscs are indexed in chapters 1604 and 1605 of the classification of the Common Customs Tariff. Please note that e.g. smoked fishery products, although they are processed foods, belong to the products of chapter 3, which are subjects for mandatory labelling.

3. Small quantities of products sold directly from fishing vessels to consumers may be exempt from the labelling requirements, provided that these do not exceed the value of EURO 50 per customer/day (compare Article 35 paragraph 4).

3. Mandatory consumer information (chapter IV)

3.1 Appropriate labelling

Article 35 paragraph 1 in connection with article 38 contains mandatory labelling requirements indicating:

- a) the commercial designation of the species and its scientific name;

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- b) the formalised production method, in particular by the following words "...caught..." or "...caught in freshwater..." or "...farmed...";
- c) the area where the product was caught or farmed;
- d) the name of the fishing area in understandable words;
- e) the reference to the body of water of origin in the Member State or third country of provenance of the fishery product caught in freshwater;
- f) the category of fishing gear for fishery products caught at sea;
- g) whether the product has been defrosted;
- h) the date of minimum durability, where appropriate;

Detailed descriptions of the above mentioned labelling elements can be found in the following guideline. Explanations regarding the means of commercial information can be found in point 3.8 of this guideline.

3.2 Commercial designation and scientific name of the species (article 35 paragraph 1.a)]

The indication of the commercial designation has been mandatory since 2002 based on Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 as well as the mandatory indication of the scientific name of the species, according to Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, which is in force since 1 January 2012.

The reference of the requirement to indicate the scientific name of the species helps to locate the provision, because it was not easy to find within Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (see Article 58 paragraph 5 letter g]).

For the sake of completeness it must be mentioned, that the scientific name of the species must not end with the letters "spp" (e.g. *Gadus spp.*). The abbreviation in the list of commercial designations in some member states is just a simplification for listing. The mandatory labelling information must show the genus, e.g. "*Gadus*" and the species "*morhua*" – "*Gadus morhua*" for Atlantic cod.

The lists of commercial designations of some member states contain the names of the families, e.g. "Gadidae", which are only a summary of the various species of the families and do not represent any commercial designation for a specific species.

In the case of wild caught shrimp it is technically not possible to separate the catch by species. In cases like this, BMV sees the requirements of this regulation fulfilled, if the scientific name is labelled with a higher taxonomic level name, like in the case of wild shrimp "Penaeoidea".

3.3 Production method (article 35 paragraph 1.b)]

The legislator (the European Parliament and the Council) allows food operators a certain tolerance in respect of the production method information. For fishery products caught at sea, in freshwater, aquaculture or respectively farmed products, the specifications of article 35 paragraph 1 letter b) are as follows:

"[Commercial designation] caught ..."

"[Commercial designation] caught in freshwater ..."

"[Commercial designation] farmed ..."

The explicit information, that the labelling of the production method mentions in particular the words "...caught..." or "...caught in freshwater..." or "farmed...", indicates the preference of

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the legislator regarding the information of the production method. The word “in particular” provides a certain freedom for the marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, as far as the alternative description is appropriate. This margin was not granted within the former Regulation (EC) No 2065/2001 article 4.

3.4 Catch or production area of the fishery or aquaculture product (article 35 paragraph 1 c] and article 38)

The provisions for the indication of the catch respectively the production area have become more comprehensive compared to the previous provisions (compare Article 38 paragraph 1). The following catch areas must be differentiated:

3.4.1 Catch area

When indicating the catch area for fishery products caught at sea, a differentiation must be made between the catch areas Northeast Atlantic (FAO Fishing Area 27 including the Baltic Sea), Mediterranean (FAO Fishing Area 37.1-3) and the Black Sea (FAO Fishing Area 37.4) as well as other marine zones.

3.4.1.1 FAO Fishing Areas 27 and 37 (article 38 1a)]

In the case of fishery products caught in the fishing areas “Northeast Atlantic and Mediterranean (including Black Sea)”, the “area” must be indicated with the names of the sub-areas or divisions of the fishing areas Northeast Atlantic (including the Baltic Sea) and Mediterranean (including the Black Sea), which are specified by the FAO.

Additionally, legislator requires the indication of the relevant catch area “expressed in terms understandable to the consumer or a map or pictogram showing that zone”.

The implementation of this legal norm is quite difficult, because the legislator does not define the basic educational level of the consumer regarding catch areas. BMV thinks that this provision is fulfilled, if the official indications of the sub-areas used by the regional fishery organisations are generally understandable. A repetition of the sub-area is necessary in those cases only, where there are less common descriptions used. Please see the following examples:

- Cod caught in the North Sea, North Sea
- Cod caught in the Norwegian Sea, Norwegian Sea
- Herring caught in the Baltic Sea, Baltic Sea

The additional information shown in above examples does not give any further insight for the consumer and can therefore be omitted. In case of little known “regional zones”, additional assisting information could be provided as shown in the following examples:

- Herring caught in Sound, Western Baltic Sea
- Herring caught in the Belts, Western Baltic Sea
- Haddock caught near Rockall, West Scotland

The indication of the sub-area or the division, which is listed in the FAO-fishing areas, is obligatory. The EU-Commission has published a translation of the FAO-sub-areas on its homepage on December 1st 2014. We recommend to stick to the translation of the EU-Commission when indicating the sub-area or division, even when other descriptions for the divisions are being used in relevant EU-Regulations, for example about fishing quotas.

The indication of the fishing area on the basis of “sub-area” is difficult with respect to the technical implementation. When a sub-area is divided into several divisions, without **one** collective name for the “sub-area”, all names of the sub-areas must be listed. The information value of such a “list of divisions” is of no use for the consumer. Furthermore, it is technically impossible to display all this information on one single label. Therefore, we recommend to request from the suppliers of fishery products from the Northeast Atlantic and the Mediterranean always to indicate the division of the relevant sub-area with each patch.

The sole indication of the sub-area-number (for example V or VIII) is not permitted.

Recommendations for the descriptions to be used for each FAO sub-area or ICES subdivision of the Northeast Atlantic can be found in **annex 1** (annex 1.1 and 1.2) of this guideline.

3.4.1.2 Other FAO Fishing Areas

In the case of fishery products caught in waters other than the Northeast Atlantic and the Mediterranean, the legislator requires merely the indication of the name of the FAO fishing area. The indication of just the number of the FAO fishing area is not allowed!

A summary of the FAO fishing areas can be found in **annex 2** of this guideline.

3.4.1.3 Additional indication of a fishing area

Furthermore, it is allowed to indicate a more precise catch area (Article 38 paragraph 2). According to the previous labelling provisions and the wording of paragraph 2, the more precise catch area may only be indicated in addition to the sub-area or the division or the FAO fishing Area. Required labelling information could be as follows:

- Pollock caught in the northern North Sea, North Sea (Norwegian Trench)
- Alaska Pollock caught in the Northeast Pacific (Bering Sea / Gulf of Alaska)
- Alaska Pollock caught in the Northwest Pacific (Bering Sea)

The additional labelling elements for the above listed examples are recommended within the initiative for “Detailed Labelling of Fishing Areas” assembled by BMV. The Federal Association of German Food Trade (BVLH) supports this initiative. The proposals for the definition of an exact fishing area within the above mentioned initiative will be adjusted to the EU-Regulation at the time of the validity of the CMO.

3.4.2 Fishery products caught in freshwater with reference to the body of water

In the case of fishery products caught in freshwater, a reference to the body of water of origin in the Member State or third country (non-EU-Member States) of provenance of the product must be indicated.

Information about the body of water in which the freshwater fishery was carried out must be provided.

Formally defined is the following wording: “(name of species) caught in freshwater in (country)”. The following labelling information would be possible:

- Pike perch caught in freshwater of river Havel in Germany
- Havel-pike perch, Germany
- European whitefish caught in freshwater in Lake Constance in Switzerland

- European whitefish from Lake Constance-fishery, Switzerland
- Lake Constance-whitefish, Switzerland

Regarding the indication “caught in freshwater” the comments of point 3.3 of this guideline apply likewise.

3.4.3 Aquaculture products

In the case of aquaculture products, a reference to the Member State or third country in which “the product reached more than half of its final weight or stayed for more than half of the rearing period or, in the case of shellfish, underwent a final rearing or cultivation stage of at least six months.”

The legislator does not require further additions regarding the type of aquaculture (e.g. aquaculture at sea, closed recirculation system). Therefore, the following labelling information would be allowed:

- Trout farmed in Turkey
- Catfish farmed in Germany
- Pangasius farmed in Vietnam
- Sturgeon farmed in Germany
- Farmed sturgeon, Germany

Regarding the indication “farmed” the comments of point 3.3 of this guideline apply likewise.

3.5 Fishing gear category (article 35 paragraph 1c)

The information about the catch area and the fishing gear category will be mandatory for fisheries products caught at sea and for fisheries products from freshwater fisheries. The names of the fishing gear categories which must be indicated for marketing are specified by the legislator. The mandatory categories of fishing gears can be found on the left side in annex III of the Regulation (see also **annex 3** of this guideline).

The EU-legislator presents no formal definitions regarding the method of information of this legal norm. Only for “non-prepacked fishery and aquaculture products”, the mandatory information of the category of fishing gear may be provided for retail sale amongst others by means of commercial information such as billboards or posters.

A differentiation must be made between the information of the category of fishing gear and the fishing gear.

The information about the category of fishing gear is mandatory, whilst the precise fishing gear may be indicated additionally on a voluntary basis. In case of the voluntary additional information regarding the fishing gear, the EU-legislator refers to a legal norm of fishing gear types (see point 4 and **annex 3** of this guideline).

The following information would be allowed:

- Cod caught in the North Sea, trawls
- Cod caught in the North Sea, gillnets and similar nets
- Haddock caught in the North Sea, hooks and longlines
- European whitefish caught in freshwater in Lake Constance, Germany, gillnets and similar nets

The additionally listed abbreviations (codes) for the fishing gear in Annex III are not part of the labelling information; they serve as a reference only to distinguish between the fishing gears. At the most, the abbreviation could be indicated together with the information **about** the fishing gear.

3.6 Defrosting information (article 35 paragraph 1 d)

The provision of the mandatory labelling information about defrosted fishery and aquaculture products can be traced back to Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, in force as from 2012, establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy and its Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 article 68 paragraph 3. The use of the word “defrosted” was formally required. This regulation term remains in force based on article 35 paragraph 1 d) of the CMO-regulation.

Due to including the defrost information in the provisions of the CMO, a new special provision will be in force, which is not congruent with the provision in Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers article 17 in connection with Annex VI. This is due to the fact that the exceptions laid down in the CMO regarding the defrosting information exceed the exceptions of Implementation Regulation (EU) No. 404/2011, but fall short of the provisions regarding the defrost information in the Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers.

The exceptions indicated in article 35 paragraph 1 regarding the defrost information are:

“The requirement according to letter d shall not apply for

- (a) ingredients present in the final product;
- (b) foods for which freezing is a technologically necessary step in the production process;
- (c) fishery and aquaculture products previously frozen for health safety purposes, in accordance with Annex III, Section VIII, of Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004;
- (d) fishery and aquaculture products which have been defrosted before the process of smoking, salting, cooking, pickling, drying or a combination of any of those processes.”

Only points (a) and (b) comply with the provisions of the Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers. Although BMV repeatedly pointed to the necessity of a unified wording for the exceptions for fishery and aquaculture products as well, the exception included in the Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers saying “foods for which the defrosting has no negative impact on the safety or quality of the food” is not included in this Regulation.

Points (c) and (d) comply with the provisions of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011, Article 68 Paragraph 4. As far as these provisions remain unchanged, Paragraph 4 will still be valid. However, the provisions of the CMO take priority over the regulations of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011. Generally, the principle of law “Lex posterior derogat legi priori!” is universally valid. Even if there is a lex specialis issue, the nomination of the word “defrosted” has to be accompanied with the name of the fisheries and aquaculture product. In this case, the FIR regulation has to be applied.

3.7 Date of minimum durability, where appropriate (article 35 paragraph 1 e)

The provision of indicating the date of minimum durability is conclusively regulated in article 9 of Commission Implementing Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers.

The additional inclusion of this labelling element into the provisions of the CMO was done, because the obligation for the indication was included in the compromise text of the Regulation within the trilogues (negotiations between the Council of the European Union and European Parliament) but without consultation with the Member States.

In fact, this seems to be a “cloak-and-dagger operation”, because the inclusion of the date of minimum durability without the necessary additional information is impossible to realise and for prepacked fishery and aquaculture products there is an apparent discrepancy to the extensive and final provisions within the Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers.

This apparent discrepancy was suspended through the addendum of the words “date of minimum durability” with the words “where appropriate”. This addendum was included in the draft legislative act for adoption by the Council of the European Union during the lawyer linguist services upon the first reading of the Council of the European Union on October 10th 2013.

It can be assumed, that the EU-Fisheries Ministers and the Members of the European Parliament adopt the final provision for the indication of the date of minimum durability within the Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers during the second reading. The provision of article 3 paragraph 1 e) has no specific legal effect!

3.8 Exemptions from mandatory labelling (article 35 paragraph 2)

For the sale of non-prepacked fishery and aquaculture products, the mandatory information listed in article 35 paragraph 1 may be provided by means of commercial information such as billboards or posters.

This exemption grants the retailer of unpacked fishery and aquaculture products the chance to provide the mandatory information of the CMO without direct labelling on the fish, crustaceans and molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates offered for sale. The exemption from indicating the consumer information directly on the specific fishery or aquaculture product affected only the information about the scientific name up to now (compare Regulation [EU] No 404/2011 article 68 paragraph 2). With the provisions in paragraph 2 of article 35 of the CMO all mandatory information in paragraph 1 of article 35, including the commercial designation of the species, can be indicated on a commercial information other than a label or tag.

BMV recommends to at least indicate the commercial designation directly adjacent to the specific fish, crustacean and mollusc product, because of the importance of this exemption.

3.9 Labelling of mixed products (article 35 paragraph 3)

If fishery and aquaculture products from different production methods or different catch and production areas are offered for sale on retail level, the proceedings listed in article 35 paragraph 3 apply for labelling:

“3. Where a mixed product is offered for sale to the final consumer or to a mass caterer that consists of the same species but which has been derived from different production methods, the method for each batch shall be stated. Where a mixed product is offered for sale to the final consumer or to a mass caterer that consists of the same species but which has been derived from a

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variety of catch areas or fish-farming countries, at least the area of the batch which is most representative in terms of quantity shall be stated, together with an indication that the products also come from different catch or fish-farming areas.”

Therefore, the following labelling of a box of 10 fishes of Herring, 6 caught in the Norwegian Sea and 4 caught in the North Sea, would be allowed:

“Herring, caught in the Norwegian Sea and other sub-areas”

The following labelling is also allowed:

“Herring, caught in the Norwegian Sea and North Sea”

In analogy, this rule can be followed, if a box of fishes, where the fishes were caught with different catch gear categories:

“Herring, caught in the Norwegian Sea and other sub-areas, seines and other categories of fishing gears”

3.10 Exemption for the sale of small quantities (Article 35 paragraph 4)

An exemption from the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of article 35 applies for small quantities of products sold directly from fishing vessels to consumers, provided that these do not exceed the value of EUR 50 per customer/day.

3.11 Products labelled or marketed prior to 13. December 2014 (article 35 paragraph 5)

Fishery and aquaculture products and their packages which were labelled or marked prior to 13th December 2014 and do not comply with the provisions of article 35 may be marketed until such stocks have been used up. The EU-Commission is not excepting old labels to be used after that date, if they are not fixed on the package material!

4. Additional voluntary information (article 39)

The reference of labelling elements, which can be indicated additionally on a voluntary basis (see article 39), is unusual for a regulation. Article 39 is a further result of the “trilogue” negotiations and must be regarded as a “collecting tank for requests” which were brought forward by some Member States, the European Commission and some Members of the European Parliament, but could not be concluded with a consensus in respect of a mandatory labelling information.

Again, this article creates a doubt about the legal quality of this Regulation. The voluntariness regarding the information about nutritional contents mentioned in article 39 paragraph 1 letter h) is contradictory to the mandatory nutrition declaration for prepacked foodstuffs required in Regulation on the provision of food information to consumers as from 13 December 2013.

If we follow the logic of a specific legal requirement, we could interpret this article to that effect, that fishery and aquaculture products, with respect to article 1 of the new CMO-Regulation, are basically not subjects to a nutrition declaration at all. The extent of such an interpretation is determined by the legal principle of law “lex posterior derogate legi priori”! The EU-

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Commission is not following this legal principle and has informed the sector that in this case *lex generalis* has to be applied!

5. Annex:

- 1.1 FAO-sub-areas and ICES-divisions of the Northeast Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Black Sea (official names)
- 1.2 FAO-sub-areas and ICES-divisions of the Northeast Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Black Sea (suggestions for consumer understandable names)
- 2 FAO Major Fishing Areas
- 3 Fishing gear categories and type of gear with codes
- 4 Fishing gear category and corresponding gears

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Annex 1.1: FAO-sub-areas and ICES-divisions in different official languages

Part A: FAO-sub-areas and ICES-divisions of the Northeast Atlantic (FAO no. 27)

| No. of sub-area/division | Name of sub-area (bold print) Name of ICES-division | Name in German language | Name in Italian language | Name in French language | Name in Dutch language | Name in Danish language |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| I | Barents Sea | Barentssee | Mare di Barents | Mer de Barentz | Barentsz Zee | Barentshavet |
| II | Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen and Bear Island | Norwegische See, Spitzbergen und Bäreninsel | Mare di Norvegia, Spitzbergen e Isola di Bear | Mers de Norvège | | Norskehavet, Svalbard og Bjørnø |
| Ila | Norwegian Sea | Norwegische See | Mare di Norvegia | | Noorse Zee | Norskehavet |
| Ilb | Spitzbergen and Bear Island | Spitzbergen und Bäreninsel | Spitzbergen e Isola di Bear | | Spitsbergen en Bereneiland | Svalbard og Bjørnø |
| III | Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea and Baltic Sea | Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sund, Belte und Ostsee | Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Mare di Belt e Mar Baltico | Mer Baltique | | Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sundet, Bælthavet og Østersøen |
| IIIa | Skagerrak and Kattegat | Skagerrak und Kattegat | Skagerrak e Kattegat | | Skagerrak en Kattegat | Skagerak og Kattegat |
| IIIb (23) | Sound | Öresund | Sound | | Sont | Sundet |
| IIIc (22) | Belts | Beltsee | Mare di Belt | | Belten | Bælthavet |
| IIId (24-32) | Baltic Sea | Ostsee | Mar Baltico | | Oostzee | Østersøen |
| IV | North Sea | Nordsee | Mare del Nord | Mer du Nord | | Nordsøen |
| IVa | Northern North Sea a) | Nördliche Nordsee a) | Mare del Nord | | Noordelijke Noordzee | Nordsøen |
| IVb | Central North Sea a) | Mittlere Nordsee a) | Mare del Nord | | Centrale Noordzee | Nordsøen |
| IVc | Southern North Sea a) | Südliche Nordsee a) | Mare del Nord | | Zuidelijke Noordzee | Nordsøen |
| V | Iceland and Faroes Grounds | Island- und Färöer-Gründe | Islanda e Isole Färöer | Islande et Féroé | | Island og Færøerne |
| Va | Iceland | Island-Gründe | Islanda | | IJsland | Island |
| Vb | Faroes | Färöer-Gründe | Isole Färöer | | Færøer | Færøerne |
| VI | Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland | Rockall, Nordwestküste Schottlands und Nordirlands | Rockall, Costa Nord Occidentale della Scozia e Irlanda Settentrionale | Ouest Ecosse | | Rockall, Vest for Skotland |
| VIa | West of Scotland | Westlich Schottlands | Scozia Occidentale | | West-Schotland (Clyde-bestand) | Vest for Skotland (Clyde-bestanden) |
| VIb | Rockall | Rockall | Rockall | | Rockall | Rockall |
| VII | Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South and Southwest of Ireland - East and West | Irische See, westlich Irlands, Porcupinebank, östlicher und westlicher Ärmelkanal, Bristolkanal, nördliche und südliche Keltische See und südwestlich Irlands - Osten und Westen - | Mare d'Irlanda, Irlanda Occidentale, Porcupine Bank, Canale della Manica Orientale e Occidentale, Canale di Bristol, Mare d'Irlanda Settentrionale e Meridionale e Irlanda Sud e Sud Ovest - Est e Ovest | Manche et Mers Celtiques | | Det irske hav, Vest for Irland, Porcupine Bank, Den østlige del af den Engelske kanal, Den vestlige del af den Engelsk kanal, Bristolkanalen, Det keltiske hav - nord og syd, Sydøst for Irland, Sydvest for Irland |
| VIIa | Irish Sea | Irische See | Mare d'Irlanda | | Ierse Zee | Det irske hav |
| VIIb | West of Ireland | Westlich Irlands | Irlanda Occidentale | | West-Ierland | Vest for Irland |
| VIIc | Porcupine Bank | Porcupinebank | Porcupine Bank | | Porcupine Bank | Porcupine Bank |
| VIIId | Eastern English Channel | Östlicher Ärmelkanal | Canale della Manica (Orientale)* | | Oostelijk Engels Kanaal | Den østlige del af Den Engelske Kanal |
| VIIe | Western English Channel | Westlicher Ärmelkanal | Canale della Manica (Occidentale)* | | Westelijk Engels Kanaal | Den vestlige del af Den Engelske Kanal |
| VIIIf | Bristol Channel | Bristolkanal | Canale di Bristol | | Bristolkanaal | Bristolkanalen |
| VIIIf | South-east of Ireland | Nördliche Keltische See | Mare d'Irlanda (Sud orientale)* | | Zuidoost-Ierland | Det keltiske Hav - Nord |
| VIIIf | Little Sole | Südliche Keltische See | Little Sole | | Ingang van het Kanaal | Det keltiske Hav - Syd |
| VIIIf | Great Sole | Südwestlich Irlands - Osten | Great Sole | | Keltische Zee | Sydøst for Irland - Øst |
| VIIIf | West of Great Sole | Südwestlich Irlands - Westen | Great Sole occidentale | | Westelijke Keltische Zee | Sydvest for Irland - vest |
| VIII | Bay of Biscay | Golf von Biskaya | Golfo di Biscaglia | Golfe de Gascogne | | Biscayabugten |
| VIIIa | South Brittany | Nördliche Biskaya | Bretagna Meridionale | | Zuid-Bretagne | Biscayabugten - Nord |
| VIIIb | Southern Biscay | Mittlere Biskaya | Biscaglia Meridionale | | Zuidelijke Golf van Biskaje | Biscayabugten - Midt |
| VIIIc | Cantabric Sea | Südliche Biskaya | Mar Cantabrico | | Noord- en Noordwest-Spanje | Biscayabugten - Syd |
| VIIIId | Central Biscay | Äußere Biskaya | Biscaglia Centrale | | Centrale Golf van Biskaje | Biscayabugten - Offshore |
| VIIIe | Western Biscay | Westlich der Biskaya | Biscaglia Occidentale | | Westelijke Golf van Biskaje | Vest for Biscayabugten |
| IX | Portuguese Waters | Portugiesische Gewässer | Açque Portoghesi | Ouest Portugal | | Portugisiske farvande |
| IXa | Portuguese Coast | Portugiesische Gewässer- Osten | Costa Portoghese | | Portugese Kust | Portugisiske farvande - øst |
| IXb | West of Portugal | Portugiesische Gewässer - Westen | Portogallo Occidentale | | West-Portugal | Portugisiske farvande - vest |
| X | Azores Grounds | Azoren-Gründe | Azzorre | Açores | | Azoerne |
| XII | North of the Azores | Nördlich der Azoren | Azzorre Settentrionali | Nord Açores | | Nord for Azoerne |
| XIV | East Greenland | Ostgrønland | Groenlandia Orientale | Est Groenland | | Østgrønland |
| XIVa | East Greenland | Norost-Grønland, Ostgrønland | Groenlandia Orientale | | Oost-Groenland | Nordøstgrønland |
| XIVb | South-east Greenland | Südost-Grønland | Groenlandia Sud Orientale | | Zuidoost-Groenland | Sydøstgrønland |

Note: a) As the North Sea is a FAO-sub-area, it can be indicated without the name of the division (for example "Northern").

Part B: Subareas of the Mediterranean and Black Sea (FAO no. 37)

| No. of sub-area | Name of sub-area | Name in German language | Name in Italian language | Name in French language | Name in Dutch language | Name in Danish language |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 37.1 (1.1-1.3) | Western Mediterranean | Westliches Mittelmeer | Mediterraneo Occidentale | Ouest Méditerranée | | Vestlige Middelhav |
| 37.2 (2.1-2.2) | Central Mediterranean | Zentrales Mittelmeer | Mediterraneo Centrale | Centre Méditerranée | | Centrale Middelhav |
| 37.3 (3.1-3.2) | Eastern Mediterranean | Östliches Mittelmeer | Mediterraneo Orientale | Est Méditerranée | | Østlige Middelhav |
| 37.4 (4.1-4.3) | Black Sea | Schwarzes Meer | Mar Nero | Mer Noire | | Sortehavet |

Source: FAO

Annex 1.2: Suggestions for consumer-understandable names for FAO-sub-areas and ICES-divisions

Part A: FAO-sub-areas and ICES-divisions of the Northeast Atlantic (FAO no. 27)

| No. of sub-area/division | Official name | Suggestion in German language | Suggestion in Spanish language | Suggestion in Dutch language | Suggestion in Danish language |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| I | Barents Sea | Barentssee | | Barents Sea | Barentshavet |
| II | Norwegian Sea, Spitzbergen and Bear Island | | | | Norske Havet, Svalbard og Bjørnø |
| Ila | Norwegian Sea | Norwegische See | | Norwegian Sea | Norske Havet |
| Iib | Spitzbergen and Bear Island | Spitzbergen und Bäreninsel | | Spitsbergen and Bear Island | Svalbard og Bjørnø |
| III | Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sound, Belt Sea and Baltic Sea | | | | Skagerrak, Kattegat, Sundet, Bælthavet og Østersøen |
| IIIa | Skagerrak and Kattegat | Skagerrak und Kattegat | | Skagerrak and Kattegat | Skagerrak og Kattegat |
| IIIb (23) | Sound | Westliche Ostsee | | Western Baltic Sea | Vestlige Østersø |
| IIIc (22) | Belts | Westliche Ostsee | | | Vestlige Østersø |
| IIId (24-32) | Baltic Sea | Ostsee | | Eastern Baltic Sea | Østlige Østersø |
| IV | North Sea | Nordsee | | | Nordsøen |
| IVa | Northern North Sea a) | Nordsee | | North Sea | Nordsøen |
| IVb | Central North Sea a) | Nordsee | | | Nordsøen |
| IVc | Southern North Sea a) | Nordsee | | | Nordsøen |
| V | Iceland and Faroes Grounds | | | | Island og Færøerne |
| Va | Iceland | Island | | Iceland | Island |
| Vb | Faroes | Färøer | | Faroes | Færøerne |
| VI | Rockall, Northwest Coast of Scotland and North Ireland | | | | Rockall, Vest for Skotland, og Nord Irland |
| VIa | West of Scotland | Westlich Schottlands | | West of Scotland | Vest for Skotland |
| VIb | Rockall | Westlich Schottlands | | West Scotland | Rockall |
| VII | | | | | |
| | Irish Sea, West of Ireland, Porcupine Bank, Eastern and Western English Channel, Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea North and South, and Southwest of Ireland - East and West | | | | Porcupine Bank, Den østlige del af Den Engelske Kanal, Den vestlige del af Den Engelske Kanal, Britolkanalen, Det Keltiske hav, Sydvest for Irland. |
| VIIa | Irish Sea | Irische See | | Irish Sea | Det Irske Hav |
| VIIb | West of Ireland | Nordwestlich Irlands | | North-west of Ireland | Nordvest for Irland |
| VIIc | Porcupine Bank | Nordwestlich Irlands | | | Nordvest for Irland |
| VIIId | Eastern English Channel | Östlicher Ärmelkanal | | Eastern English Channel | Den østlige del af Den Engelske Kanal |
| VIIe | Western English Channel | Westlicher Ärmelkanal | | Western English Channel | Den vestlige del af Den Engelske Kanal |
| VIIIf | Bristol Channel | Bristolkanal | | Bristol Channel | Bristolkanalen |
| VIIIg | South-east of Ireland | Keltische See | | Celtic Sea | Det Keltiske Hav |
| VIIH | Little Sole | Keltische See | | | Det Keltiske Hav |
| VIIj | Great Sole | Keltische See | | | Det Keltiske Hav |
| VIIk | West of Great Sole | Keltische See | | | Det Keltiske Hav |
| VIII | Bay of Biscay | | | | Biskayabugten |
| VIIIa | South Brittany | Biskaya | | Biscay | Biskayabugten |
| VIIIb | Southern Biscay | Biskaya | | | Biskayabugten |
| VIIIc | Cantabric Sea | Biskaya | | Cantabric Sea | Biskayabugten |
| IIId | Central Biscay | Biskaya | | Biscay | Biskayabugten |
| VIIIe | Western Biscay | Biskaya | | | Biskayabugten |
| IX | Portuguese Waters | | | | Portugisiske Farvande |
| IXa | Portuguese Coast | Portugiesische Küste | | Portuguese Coast | Portugisisk kyst |
| IXb | West of Portugal | Westlich Portugals | | West of Portugal | Vest for Portugal |
| X | Azores Grounds | | | | Azoerne |
| | | Azoren | | Azores | |
| XII | North of the Azores | Ozeanischer Nordostatlantik | | Oceanic North-east Atlantic | Det Nordøstatlantiske Ocean |
| XIV | East Greenland | Ostgrönland | | | Østgrönland |
| XIVa | East Greenland | Ostgrönland | | East Greenland | Østgrönland |
| XIVb | South-east Greenland | Ostgrönland | | | Østgrönland |

Note: a) As the North Sea is a FAO-sub-area, it can be indicated without the name of the division (for example "Northern").

Part B: Subareas of the Mediterranean and Black Sea (FAO no. 37)

| No. of ICES-sub-area | Scientific name | Suggestion in German language | Suggestion in Spanish language | Suggestion in Dutch language | Suggestion in Danish language |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 37.1 (1.1-1.3) | Western Mediterranean | Westliches Mittelmeer | | | Vestlige Middelhav |
| 37.2 (2.1-2.2) | Central Mediterranean | Zentrales Mittelmeer | | | Centrale Middelhav |
| 37.3 (3.1-3.2) | Eastern Mediterranean | Östliches Mittelmeer | | | Østlige Middelhav |
| 37.4 (4.1-4.3) | Black Sea | Schwarzes Meer | | | Sortehavet |

Source: FAO and national associations

Annex 2:

FAO Major Fishing Areas

| No. of fishing area | Name of fishing area | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | German | English | Italian | Danish | Nederlands |
| FAO fishing area no. 21 | Nordwestatlantik | Atlantic, Northwest | Atlantico Nord Occidentale | Nordvestlige Atlanterhav | NW Atlantische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 27 | Nordostatlantik | Atlantic, Northeast | Atlantico Nord Orientale | Nordøstlige Atlanterhav | NO Atlantische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 31 | Mittlerer Westatlantik | Atlantic, Western Central | Atlantico Centro Occidentale | Midtvestlige Atlanterhav | MW Atlantische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 34 | Mittlerer Ostatlantik | Atlantic, Eastern Central | Atlantico Centro Orientale | Midtøstlige Atlanterhav | MO Atlantische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing areas no. 37.1, 37.2 and 37.3 | Mittelmeer | Mediterranean | Mar Mediterraneo | Middelhavet | Middellandse Zee |
| FAO fishing area no. 37.4 | Schwarzes Meer | Black Sea | Mar Nero | Sortehavet | Zwarte zee |
| FAO fishing area no. 41 | Südwestatlantik | Atlantic, Southwest | Atlantico Sud Occidentale | Sydvestlige Atlanterhav | ZW Atlantische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 47 | Südostatlantik | Atlantic, Southeast | Atlantico Sud Orientale | Sydøstlige Atlanterhav | ZO Atlantische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 48 | Antarktis | Atlantic, Antarctic | Oceano Atlantico Antartico | Antarktisk | Antartisch Atlantische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 51 | Westl. Indischer Ozean | Indian Ocean, Western | Oceano Indiano Occidentale | Det Indiske Ocean | W Indische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 57 | Östl. Indischer Ozean | Indian Ocean, Eastern | Oceano Indiano Orientale | Det Indiske Ocean | O Indische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 58 | Antarktis | Atlantic, Antarctic | Oceano Atlantico Antartico | Antarktisk | Antartisch Indische Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 61 | Nordwestpazifik | Pacific, Northwest | Oceano Pacifico Nord Occidentale | Nordvestlige Stillehav | NW Stille Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 67 | Nordostpazifik | Pacific, Northeast | Oceano Pacifico Nord Orientale | Nordøstlige Stillehav | NO Stille Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 71 | Mittlerer Westpazifik | Pacific, Western Central | Oceano Pacifico Centro Occidentale | Vestlige centrale Stillehav | MW Stille Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 77 | Mittlerer Ostpazifik | Pacific, Eastern Central | Oceano Pacifico Centro Orientale | Østlige Centrale Stillehav | MO Stille Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no. 81 | Südwestpazifik | Pacific, Southwest | Oceano Pacifico Sud Occidentale | Sydvestlige Stillehav | ZW Stille Oceaan |
| FAO fishing area no.87 | Südostpazifik | Pacific, Southeast | Oceano Pacifico Sud Orientale | Sydøstlige Stillehav | ZO Stille Oceaan |
| FAO fishing areas no.88 | Antarktis | Atlantic, Antarctic | Oceano Atlantico Antartico | Antarktisk | Antartisch Stille Oceaan |

Explanatory note:

The name "Atlantic, Northeast" within the CMO is not allowed, because the Regulation specifies the indication of the sub-fishing areas of the Northeast Atlantic. This also applies for the fishing areas "Mediterranean" and "Black Sea".

Source:

FAO Fishing Yearbook, Fishery Statistics, Capture Production Vol. 86/1 "List of major fishing areas", Rome 2000.

Annex 3:
**Fishing gear categories
and type of gear with codes**

| Fishing gear categories | Type of fishing gear and code in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 26/2004 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 404/2011 | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----|
| Seines | Beach seines | SB |
| | Danish seine | SDN |
| | Scottish seines | SSC |
| | Pair seines | SPR |
| Trawls | Beam trawls | TBB |
| | Bottom otter trawls | OTB |
| | Bottom pair trawls | PTB |
| | Midwater otter trawls | OTM |
| | Pelagic pair trawls | PTM |
| | Otter twin trawls | OTT |
| Gillnets and similar nets | Set (anchored) gillnets | GNS |
| | Driftnets | GND |
| | Encircling gillnets | GNC |
| | Trammel nets | GTR |
| | Combined trammel and gillnets | GTN |
| Surrounding nets and lift nets | Purse seines | PS |
| | Lampara nets | LA |
| | Boat operated lift nets | LNB |
| | Shore-operated stationary lift nets | LNS |
| Hooks and lines | Hand lines and pole lines (hand operated) | LHP |
| | Hand lines and pole lines (mechanised) | LHM |
| | Set longlines | LLS |
| | Longlines (drifting) | LLD |
| | Troll lines | LTL |
| Dredges | Boat dredges | DRB |
| | Hand dredges used on board a vessel | DRH |
| | Mechanised dredges including suction dredges | HMD |
| Pots and traps | Pots (traps) | FPO |

Source: Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013, Annex III

Fishing Gear Category and Corresponding Gears

adapted to the EU-regulation on the common organisation of markets in fishery and aquaculture products (No 1379/2013)

MANDATORY INFORMATION (CATEGORY)

more detailed information (corresponding gears)

Fishing gear
(Category and corresponding gears)

