

# Addendum to the Written Record of fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the European Union for 2024 signed on 6 December 2023

- I. The Trade and Cooperation Agreement (the TCA)<sup>1</sup> between the United Kingdom (UK) and the European Union (EU) includes the objective of cooperating with a view to ensuring that fishing activities for shared stocks in their waters are environmentally sustainable in the long term and contribute to achieving economic and social benefits, and requires the Parties to hold consultations annually to agree the total allowable catches (TACs) for the following year for the stocks listed in Annex 35 to the TCA.
- II. A Delegation from the United Kingdom, headed by Mr Mike DOWELL, and a Delegation from the European Union, headed by Mrs Eva Maria CARBALLEIRA FERNANDEZ, met on 8 December 2023 to consult on fishing opportunities for 2024 for Celtic Sea whiting and West of Scotland cod in accordance with Article 498 (Fishing Opportunities) of the TCA and in line with paragraph 4 of the Written record of fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the European Union for 2024 signed on 6 December 2023 (“the Written Record of 6 December 2023”). The Delegations also finalised fishing opportunities for the stocks for which TACs were set in the trilateral consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway<sup>2</sup>. This supplementary Written Record documents the outcome of those consultations. For the avoidance of doubt, the recommendations for Celtic Sea whiting and West of Scotland cod made in this supplementary Written Record update the recommendations for these stocks made in the Written Record of 6 December 2023 in relation to the TACs, quotas and applicable footnotes only.
- III. The Heads of Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the fishery arrangements for 2024, outlined in this supplementary Written Record, including Annex 1. Accordingly, where this supplementary Written Record refers to the Delegations (or the Parties) having agreed on a matter, it should be read as an agreement to recommend to the Delegations’ respective authorities to implement the arrangements in this supplementary Written Record, including Annex 1.

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<sup>1</sup> Trade and cooperation agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, which was signed on 30 December 2020 and which came into force on 1 May 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Insert reference to the Agreed record of EU-UK-NO.

## 1. Jointly managed stocks (TCA Annex 35)

- a) **Celtic Sea whiting:** the Delegations confirmed the agreement documented in the Written Record of 6 December 2023 concerning the creation of individual catch limits under the Celtic Sea whiting TAC (WHG/7X7A-C) for whiting in 7d and 7b-c, e-k, by means of footnotes. The Delegations also confirmed the bycatch TAC of 4 810 tonnes set for whiting in 7b-c,e-k. Given that the TAC for 7d is agreed as part of the trilateral consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway, and that those consultations concluded on 8 December 2023, and assigned 18 889 tonnes to Division 7d, the Parties agreed to set a TAC of 23 709 tonnes for the WHG/7X7A-C TAC.

Apportionment shares for these new TACs are set at the same level as specified in the TCA for the overall Celtic Sea whiting (WHG/7X7A-C) TAC. Agreed tonnages for these newly defined TAC areas are included in footnotes in Table 1 of Annex 1 of this supplementary Written Record.

- b) **Cod (West of Scotland):** The Delegations noted that the Northern Shelf cod advice from ICES establishes a new stock definition merging West of Scotland cod with North Sea cod forming a single assessment unit with three sub-stocks: northwestern, Viking, and southern. They further noted that West of Scotland cod was previously agreed bilaterally between the United Kingdom and the European Union, whilst North Sea cod was agreed as part of the trilateral consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway. As there is no longer separate ICES advice for West of Scotland cod, the Parties agreed that the quota allocation to that area should be determined in the trilateral consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway. As those trilateral consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway concluded on 8 December 2023, the Parties agreed to set a TAC for the West of Scotland cod at 1 392 tonnes, to reflect the TAC for this area agreed trilaterally.

## 2. Special conditions, flexibilities and footnotes

- a) The Parties agreed the special conditions, flexibilities and footnotes applicable to each stock, set out in Annex 1.
- b) All the other relevant arrangements in the Written Record of 6 December 2023 will continue to apply.

## 3. Stocks for which TACs are set in other international fora

The Delegations noted the TACs agreed in the trilateral consultations between the United Kingdom, the European Union and Norway concluded on 8

December 2023. The Parties agreed to set their respective shares of the TACs for the stocks concerned in accordance with the TCA, as reflected in Table 3 of Annex 1 to this supplementary Written Record.

#### **4. Consultative stocks (TCA Annex 37)**

The Delegations noted the obligation under Article 498(7) of the TCA to give sufficient notice to the other Party before setting or amending TACs for the stocks listed in Annex 37. The Delegations confirmed their commitment to implement this obligation for the year 2024, and gave notice accordingly through Table 5 of Annex 1 to this supplementary Written Record, where possible.

#### **5. Inter-annual quota flexibility**

All the relevant arrangements in the Written Record of 6 December 2023 will continue to apply.

London, 8 December 2023

Brussels, 8 December 2023

For the United Kingdom

For the European Union

## Annex 1

**Table 1 – Agreed total catch limits and transfers of quota**

Code	Common Name	ICES areas	Agreed Total Allowable Catch (tonnes)	UK allocation				EU allocation			
				TCA TAC share (%)	TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from EU (tonnes)	UK post-transfer quota (tonnes)	TCA TAC share (%)	TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from UK (tonnes)	EU post-transfer quota (tonnes)
COD/5BE 6A	Cod (West of Scotland)	6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b east of 12°00' W	1,392	78.92%	1,099	-	1,099	21.08%	293	-	293
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	<i>To be updated following agreement in EU-UK-Norway consultations, see paragraph 1(o) above.</i>									
WHG/7X7 A-C	Whiting (Celtic Sea)	7b,7c,7d,7e,7f,7g,7h,7j and 7k	23,709	11.23%	2,663	-	2,663] <sup>1)(2)</sup>	88.77%	21,046	-	21,046 <sup>3)(4)</sup>
	<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>	<p>(1) Of which up to 540t may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this 'of which'.</p> <p>(2) Of which up to 2,123t may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d.</p> <p>(3) Of which up to 4,270t may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k. Exclusively for bycatches. No directed fisheries for whiting are permitted under this 'of which'.</p> <p>(4) Of which up to 16,776t may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 7d.</p>									

**Table 3 – TACs set in other international fora (for footnotes only)**

Code	Common name	ICES areas	Agreed Total Allowable Catch (tonnes)	UK allocation			EU allocation		
				TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from EU (tonnes)	UK post-transfer quota (tonnes)	TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from UK (tonnes)	EU post-transfer quota (tonnes)
COD/07D.	Cod (Eastern Channel)	7d	1,450	134	-	134 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,316	-	1,316 <sup>(1)</sup>
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	(1) Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 4, that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat and United Kingdom waters of 2a (COD/*2A3X4X).							
COD/2A3AX4	Cod (North Sea)	4; UK waters of 2a; that part of 3a not covered by the Skagerrak and Kattegat	24,900	11,613	-	11,613 <sup>(1)</sup>	9,054	-	9,054 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	(1) Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of-6a north of 58'30" (COD/*5BE6A). (2) Special condition: of which up to 5% may be fished in 7d (COD/*07D).							
HAD/2AC4.	Haddock (North Sea)	4; UK waters of 2a	101,421	65,325	-	65,325 <sup>(1)</sup>	12,769	-	12,769 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	(3) Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of-6a north of 58'30" (HAD/*5BC6A). (4) Special condition: of which up to 10% may be fished in European Union waters of 3a (HAD/*3A-EU).							
HAD/5BC6A.	Haddock (West of Scotland)	6a; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b	11,301	9,110	-	9,110 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,191	-	2,191 <sup>(1)</sup>
	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	(1) Special condition: of which up to 25% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (HAD/*2AC4).							

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				TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from EU (tonnes)	UK post-transfer quota (tonnes)	TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from UK (tonnes)	EU post-transfer quota (tonnes)
HER/2A47DX	Herring (North Sea Bycatch) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	4 and 7d; UK waters of 2a	7,716 <sup>(1)</sup>	140	-	140	7,576	-	7,576
		(1) Exclusively for catches of herring taken as by-catch in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes smaller than 32 mm.							
HER/4AB.	Herring (North Sea) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	UK, European Union and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53° 30' N	510,323 <sup>(1)</sup>	[96,736]	-	96,736	209,459	-	209,459
		(1) Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.							
HER/4CXB7D	Herring (Southern North Sea and 7d) <i>Clupea harengus</i>	4c and 7d	510,323 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	6,809	-	6,809 <sup>(3)</sup>	49,326	-	49,326 <sup>(3)</sup>
		(1) Exclusively for catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.							
		(2) Except Blackwater stock: reference is to the herring stock in the maritime region of the Thames estuary within a zone delimited by a rhumb line running due south from Landguard Point (51° 56' N, 1° 19.1' E) to latitude 51° 33' N and hence due west to a point on the coast of the United Kingdom.							
		(3) Special condition: up to 50% of this quota may be taken in 4b (HER/*04B).							
POK/2C3A4	Saithe (North Sea) <i>Pollachius virens</i>	3a and 4; UK waters of 2a	66,876	8,105	-	8,105 <sup>(1)</sup>	23,995	-	23,995 <sup>(1)</sup>
		(1) Special condition: of which up to 15% may be fished in United Kingdom, European Union and international waters of 6a north of 58°30'' (POK/*6AN58).							

Code	Common name	ICES areas	Agreed Total Allowable Catch (tonnes)	UK allocation			EU allocation		
				TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from EU (tonnes)	UK post-transfer quota (tonnes)	TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from UK (tonnes)	EU post-transfer quota (tonnes)
POK/56-14	Saithe (West of Scotland)	6; United Kingdom and international waters of 5b, 12 and 14	6,939	3,354	-	3,354 <sup>(1)</sup>	3,585	-	3,585 <sup>(1)</sup>
	<i>Pollachius virens</i>	(1) Special condition: of which up to 30% may be fished in United Kingdom and European Union waters of 2a and 4 (POK/*2C3A4).							

**Table 5 – List of TACs relating to stocks in Annex 37 to the TCA (consultative stocks)**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Common name</b>	<b>ICES areas</b>	<b>Total Allowable Catch (tonnes)</b>
COD/03AN.	Cod (Skagerrak)	Skagerrak	3,559
HAD/03A.	Haddock (3a)	3a	6,233
HER/03A.	Herring (3a)	3a	29,735
HER/03A-BC	Herring (3a bycatch)	3a	6,659
MAC/2A4A-N	Mackerel (Denmark allocation in Norwegian waters)	Norwegian waters of 2a and 4a	pm
MAC/8C3411	Mackerel (Southern Component)	8c, 9 and 10; European Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1	pm
PLE/03AN.	Plaice (Skagerrak)	Skagerrak	18,250