

Amendment 306

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Fisheries control

(COM(2018)0368 – C8-0238/2018 – 2018/0193(COD))

Proposal for a regulation**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 23**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009

Section 1 of Chapter 1 of Title IV, Article 25a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

1. Member States shall ensure effective control of the landing obligation. For this purpose ***a minimum percentage of fishing vessels fishing for species subject to the landing obligation and*** flying their flag established in accordance with paragraph 2, shall be equipped with continuously recording Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems incorporating data storage.

1. Member States shall ensure effective control of the landing obligation, ***incidental catches of sensitive species and the reliability of catch data.*** For this purpose ***all*** fishing vessels ***using active gear and passive gear vessels over 12 meters*** flying their flag established in accordance with paragraph 2, shall be equipped with continuously recording Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems ***and other continuous recording electronic monitoring devices*** incorporating data storage, ***in compliance with all applicable rules on the protection of privacy and processing of personal data. CCTV recording shall be limited to the rigging and the parts of the vessels where the fishery products are taken onboard, handled and stored, while respecting the crew's right to privacy at all times. Those CCTV systems shall not record audio signals and audio signals shall not be used for monitoring purposes.***

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Justification

This ties the text to the definition that the Commission uses for small scale vessels and ensures that for example inshore shrimp trawlers, which are known to have big bycatch issues, can be included.

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Justification

Urgent implementation of appropriate tools enabling the enforcement of the landing obligation is highly necessary to allow for the sustainable management of fish populations. Since the European landing obligation was initiated in 2015, the majority of EU Total allowable catches was increased, to account for the part of the catch that was previously discarded and would now be landed. However, according to members of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF), discarding has not declined in EU fisheries at any significant level and the magnitude of these increases may likely have resulted in a substantial widespread increase in fishing mortality being exerted on European fish populations. <https://academic.oup.com/icesjms/advance-article/doi/10.1093/icesjms/fsaa200/6026103?login=true>