

Conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms; herring for industrial purposes

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PURPOSE: to update Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 concerning the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms with a view to ensuring the proper conservation and management of marine biological resources.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 227/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms and Council Regulation (EC) No 1434/98 specifying conditions under which herring may be landed for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption.

CONTENT: following the entry into force of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), technical conservation measures could no longer be included in the annual Regulation on fishing opportunities on a transitional basis given that these technical measures have to be adopted according to the ordinary legislative procedure (codecision).

In order to ensure the continuation of proper conservation and management of marine biological resources, Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 should be updated by incorporating the transitional technical measures into it.

As a result, this Regulation seeks **to avoid an interruption in the technical measures in question at the end of 2012** because this would have a negative impact on the conservation of the stocks concerned and an impact on the ecosystem. It also seeks to provide legal certainty in regard to these measures pending the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy which is under way. The unlikelihood that such a new framework will be in place by the end of 2012 justifies the extension of the application of these transitional technical measures.

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APPLICATION: from 01/01/2013.