Fisheries and animal health: amending certain Regulations by reason of the change of status of Mayotte with regard to the Union

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The Council adopted a proposed **compromise text** on the Council Regulation amending Regulations in the field of fisheries and animal health by reason of the change of status of Mayotte with regard to the Union.

The proposed changes by the Presidency were as follows:

The proposal should be based on **Article 349** of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

The Council should adopt this proposal having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament following the **special legislative procedure**.

It is stipulated that Mayotte should be considered as an **outermost region** within the meaning of Article 349 of the TFEU and that it is appropriate to provide for certain specific measures justified by the particular structural social and economic situation of Mayotte which is compounded by its remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate, in a number of areas.

It has been proposed to amend the <u>CMO Regulation</u> - on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products to provide for a temporary derogation from the rules concerning the labelling of fishery products offered for retail sale to the final consumer in Mayotte until 31 December 2021.

Regulation of the Common Fisheries Policy should be amended in order to stipulate that France:

- shall be authorised, **until 31 December 2025**, to introduce new capacity without the withdrawal of an equivalent capacity for the various segments as referred to in Annex XX;
- shall be exempted **until 31 December 2021** from the obligation to include in its register of Union fishing vessels those vessels which are less than 10 meters in overall length and operate from Mayotte;
- until 31 December 2021, shall keep a provisional register of fishing vessels which are less than 10 meters in overall length and operate from Mayotte. Vessels registered in the provisional register shall be considered to be vessels registered in Mayotte.

Lastly, **animal by-products** and derived products generated in Mayotte before 1 January 2021 shall be disposed of in accordance with the Regulation.