Scheme of control and enforcement applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries

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PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010 in order to incorporate it into Union law amendments to the Scheme as adopted in North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2016/96 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010 laying down a scheme of control and enforcement applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries

CONTENT: the Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010 in order to **incorporate it into Union law amendments to the Scheme as adopted in NEAFC Recommendations** 15/2013 and 9/2014 as amended by Recommendation 12/2015 which have become binding for the Contracting Parties to NEAFC and consequently for the EU.

These recommendations consist of amending the Scheme of control as regards:

- **Recommendation 15:2013 concerning the communication of transhipments and of port of landing**: this change clarifies that vessels involved in a transhipment operation in the Regulatory Area as receiving vessel shall communicate the port of landing regardless of whether the landing is to take place in a port inside or outside the Convention Area.
- **Recommendation 9:2014 concerning the definitions, a number of provisions applying to Port State Control of foreign fishing vessels and the infringement procedures**: the main change is the alignment of the Scheme with the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate IUU, approved by the EU in 2011. Contracting Parties have agreed that this recommendation will enter into force on 1 July 2015.
- **Recommendation 12:2015 amending Recommendation 9:2014 with respect to Articles 22 and 23 of the Scheme on Port State Control of foreign fishing vessels**: the amendments concerns the respect of notification procedures on Port State Control of foreign fishing vessels with the aim to adapt them for the switch-over from a paper based system to a modern web-based ICT application, operated by the NEAFC Secretary.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 5.2.2016, with the exception of points 1 and 4 to 12 of Article 1 which shall apply from 1 July 2015.