Basic information

2020/0366(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters **Subject** 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds **Geographical area** United Kingdom	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	PECH Fisheries		
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/12/2020	Legislative proposal published	COM(2020)0830	Summary
14/12/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
18/12/2020	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0389/2020	Summary
23/12/2020	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
23/12/2020	Final act signed		
28/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		
22/01/2021	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/0366(COD)

Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/9/04840

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
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Council of the EU

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European Commission

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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0191/2021	27/01/2021	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2020/2227
OJ L 437 28.12.2020, p. 0102

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2020/0366(COD) - 10/12/2020 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to establish provisional measures concerning fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in UK waters and fishing operations by UK fishing vessels in Union waters after the end of the transitional period referred to in the UK withdrawal agreement.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: this proposal is part of a package of targeted contingency measures to prepare for a possible scenario of no agreement between the EU and the United Kingdom after the end of the transitional period.

In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 (the basic Regulation of the Common Fisheries Policy), Union fishing vessels enjoy equal access to EU waters and resources subject to the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy.

From the end of the transitional period, the Common Fisheries Policy would no longer apply to the United Kingdom. The UK waters (territorial sea and adjacent exclusive economic zone) will then no longer be part of EU waters. To ensure sustainable fisheries and given the importance of fishing for the economic livelihood of many communities, it is necessary to facilitate the authorisation procedures for fishing vessels.

CONTENT: the proposal would amend EU Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 in order to create the appropriate legal framework valid until 31 December 2021, or until the date of conclusion of a fisheries agreement with the United Kingdom - whichever is earlier - on the continued reciprocal access of EU and UK vessels to each other's waters after 31 December 2020.

The specific rules provided for in this proposal should apply from the day following the end of the transition period. The granting of authorisations is subject to the principle of "reciprocity", i.e. on condition that the United Kingdom extends access rights for EU vessels to conduct fishing activities in United Kingdom waters on a basis satisfactory to the Union.

Consequently, authorisations would only be granted if and to the extent that the United Kingdom provides authorisations for Union vessels to make use of fishing opportunities allocated to them.

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2020/0366(COD) - 18/12/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 677 votes to 4, with 6 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 as regards fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

The proposal is part of a package of temporary contingency measures to alleviate some of the major disruptions that will occur on 1 January 2021 in the event that an agreement with the United Kingdom is not yet reached.

The proposed regulation aims to create an appropriate legal framework valid until 31 December 2021, or until the date of conclusion of a fisheries agreement with the United Kingdom, whichever is earlier, on the continued reciprocal access of EU and UK vessels to each other's waters after 31 December 2020.

In order to ensure sustainable fisheries and given the importance of fisheries for the economic livelihood of many communities, the proposal would facilitate the authorisation procedures for fishing vessels.