THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION

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AMENDMENT TO
THE SCHEME OF CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT
CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SPECIFIC
REQUIREMENTS REGARDING TRANSHIPMENT AND JOINT
FISHING OPERATIONS
THE NORTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS 21ST ANNUAL MEETING ON 11 TO 15 NOVEMBER 2002 ADOPTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONVENTION, A RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE SCHEME OF CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE DEFINITION OF SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS REGARDING TRANSHIPMENT AND JOINT FISHING OPERATIONS

THE PROVISIONS HEREBY ADOPTED SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON 1 JANUARY 2003
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THE SCHEME OF CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1 – Definitions:**

The following new definitions shall be added:

“f) “transhipment operation” means the transfer, over the side, of any quantity of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and/or fishery products retained on board, from one fishing vessel to another.”

“g) “joint fishing operation” means any operations between two or more vessels where catch is taken from the fishing gear of one fishing vessel to another.”

**Article 3 – Authorisation to fish:**

The existing text shall be numbered paragraph 1 and the following point added:

“e) Ensure that only authorized fishing vessels may engage in transhipment operations or joint fishing operations in the Regulatory Area.

The following paragraph 2 shall be added:

“2. A master of a fishing vessel shall not engage in transhipment or joint fishing operations with non-Contracting Party vessels”

The following paragraph 3 shall be added:

“3. A master of a fishing vessel engaged in transhipment operations which on-loads quantities on board shall not engage in fishing activity, including joint fishing operations, during the same trip.”

**Article 7 – Recording of catch and fishing effort:**

The following sentence shall be added to paragraph1:

“However, a Contracting Party may exempt from keeping a fishing log book a vessel engaged in transhipment operations which on-loads quantities on board.”

The following sub-paragraph shall be added to paragraph 2:

“d) on each occasion a vessel engaged in a joint fishing operation shall record:
i) where the catch is taken on board:

- the date and time (UTC);
- the location (longtitude/latitude);
- catches taken on board and any catch discarded from the vessel;
- the name and international radio call sign of the fishing vessel from whose gear the catch has been taken.”

ii) where the catch is not taken on board:

- the date and time (UTC);
- the location (longtitude/latitude);
- that no catch has been taken on board;
- the name and international radio call sign of the fishing vessel which has taken the catch.”

The following text shall be added as a new paragraph 5:

“5. Vessels exempt from keeping a fishing log book pursuant to paragraph 1 shall record in a production logbook or stowage plan:

- the information under paragraph 3 a) and b);
- the date and time (UTC) of the transhipment operation;
- the location (longtitude/latitude) of the transhipment operation;
- the quantities of species on-loaded;
- the name and international radio call sign of the fishing vessel from which the catch has been off-loaded.”

Paragraph 5 shall be renumbered as paragraph 6.

Article 10 – Communication of catches:

Sub-paragraph c) shall be replaced with the following text:

“c) when exiting the Regulatory Area. This report shall be made no more than 8 hours and at least 6 hours in advance of each exit from the Regulatory Area. It shall include where appropriate, the number of fishing days and the catch taken in the Regulatory Area since the commencement of fishing, or since the last catch report..”