

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2090/98
of 30 September 1998
concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992, establishing a Community system of fisheries and aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas the procedures for communicating information about the characteristics and identification features of EU fishing vessels to be used in connection with Community legislation should be harmonised and rationalised;

Whereas for the application of the Common Fisheries Policy it is appropriate to create a single reference database on the characteristics of vessels in the Community fishing fleet; whereas this database should be maintained independently of other applications;

Whereas the characteristics and external markings that are recorded in the database should be in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) 2930/86 of 22 September 1986 defining characteristics for fishing vessels ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 3259/94 ⁽⁴⁾, and with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1381/87 of 20 May 1987 establishing detailed rules concerning the marking and documentation of fishing vessels ⁽⁵⁾;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to repeal Regulation (EC) No 109/94 of 19 January 1994 concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community ⁽⁶⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 493/96 ⁽⁷⁾;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The fishing vessel register of the Community, hereafter referred to as 'the register', concerns all Community

fishing vessels as defined by Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92.

Article 2

The register shall contain:

- the data to be communicated for each Community fishing vessel resulting from censuses undertaken by each Member State on its fleet, from 1 January 1989, or in special cases and with the agreement of the Commission, from a later date,
- all the changes which have occurred since the censuses where they affect the data.

Article 3

Each Member State shall communicate information relating to events required by Annexes I to V by digital transfer over a telecommunications network at the same time as the event is recorded by the authorities of the Member State concerned. The Commission shall acknowledge receipt of messages as soon as they have been validated in the database.

Any registration of new data or correction of erroneous data concerning the characteristics and/or identification features of a vessel must be in accordance with the procedures laid down in this Regulation.

Article 4

Corrections to erroneous information contained in the register shall be forwarded to the Commission in accordance with the detailed rules set out in Annexes I to V within 30 days of the date on which the error is detected.

Article 5

The data communicated pursuant to this Regulation shall be used as reference data in connection with Community legislation, subject to the verification of their accuracy by the services of the Commission.

The link between such uses and the database on the Community register of fishing vessels shall be the internal number referred to in Annex I.

A Member State shall have access to the data held in the Community register of fishing vessels that concern its own fleet.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 164, 9. 6. 1998, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 274, 25. 9. 1986, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 339, 29. 12. 1994, p. 11.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 132, 21. 5. 1987, p. 9.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 19, 22. 1. 1994, p. 5.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 72, 21. 3. 1996, p. 12.

Article 6

Regulation (EC) No 109/94 is repealed.

References to Articles 1, 2, 3 and 9(a) of Regulation (EC) No 109/94 shall be construed as references to Articles 1, 2, 3 and 5 respectively of present Regulation. References to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 109/94 concerning events relating to Annexes I to V to Regulation (EC) No 109/94 shall be construed as references to Article 4 of the present Regulation.

References to Article 4 and to Articles 5 and 6 of Regulation (EC) No 109/94 shall be construed as references to Articles 2 and 3 respectively of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2091/98 of 30 September 1998 concerning the segmentation of the Community fishing fleet and fishing effort in relation to the multiannual guidance programmes ⁽¹⁾. References to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 109/94 concerning events relating to tables A and B of Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 109/94 shall be

construed as references to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 2091/98.

References to Articles 3(a), 5(a), 8(a) and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 109/94 shall be construed as references to Articles 1, 2, 4 and 5 respectively of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2092/98 of 30 September 1998 concerning the declaration of fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources ⁽²⁾. References to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 109/94 concerning events relating to tables C and 2 of Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 109/94 or relating to Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 109/94 shall be construed as references to Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2092/98.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 September 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ See page 36 of this Official Journal.

⁽²⁾ See page 47 of this Official Journal.

ANNEX I

DEFINITION OF THE DATA TO BE COMMUNICATED AND DESCRIPTION OF A RECORD

Name of the zone	Width	Alignment	Definition and remarks
Updating indicator	3	—	Code identifying the type of declaration (see Table 1)
Internal number ⁽¹⁾	12	L	Member State (Alpha-3 ISO code) followed by unique identification (1 to 9 characters)
Country of registration	3	—	Member State (Alpha-3 ISO code) where vessel is registered for fishing (Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92); always the declaring country
Flag	3	—	Member State (Alpha-3 ISO code) whose flag the vessel is flying (Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92)
Registration number	14	L	
Name of vessel	40	L	
Port of registration	5	L	Coded using national code system ⁽²⁾
International radio call sign	7	L	i.e. the IRCS.
External marking	14	L	In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 1381/87
Type of fishing gear 1	3	L	Gear used, FAO international code system (see Table 2)
Type of fishing gear 2	3	L	Any second gear used, FAO international code system (see Table 2)
Type of fishing gear 3	3	L	Any third gear used, FAO international code system (see Table 2)
Length overall	5	R	In centimetres, as defined in Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86
Length between perpendiculars	5	R	In centimetres, as defined in Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86
Tonnage 2930/86	7	R	To hundredths of a tonne, as defined in Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 ⁽³⁾
Tonnage Oslo Convention	7	R	To hundredths of a tonne
Tonnage, other standard	7	R	To hundredths of a tonne, standard to be indicated by the Member State
Main engine power	7	R	To hundredths of a kW — as defined on Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86
Auxiliary engine power	7	R	To hundredths of a kW — all installed power not included under 'main engine power'
Hull material	1	—	Material used for the hull (see Table 3)
Date of entry into service ⁽⁴⁾	8	—	Date (YYYYMMDD) determining the age of the vessel, as defined in Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86
Year of construction ⁽⁴⁾	4	—	Determines by default the age of the vessel; the value 1850 signifies 1850 or earlier
Segment	3	L	Segment of the fleet (Regulation (EC) No 2091/98)

Name of the zone	Width	Alignment	Definition and remarks
Importing/exporting country	3	—	Alpha-3 ISO code of importing or exporting country
Date of event	8	—	Date (YYYYMMDD) when the event occurred ⁽⁵⁾
Assisted withdrawal scheme	1	—	See Table 4

⁽¹⁾ Member States should give a unique identification number to each fishing vessel registered on the Member State's census date, and to vessels registered for the first time in the Member State after that date. This number may not subsequently be changed, even for vessels exported to another Member State, nor given to another vessel even where the first one to be given the number is scrapped or withdrawn from fishing.

⁽²⁾ Any changes to the national code system will require the approval of the Commission.

⁽³⁾ As last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 3259/94 of 22 December 1994 as well as Commission Decision 95/84/EC of 20 March 1995.

⁽⁴⁾ The date of entry into service or failing that the last day of the year of construction will be used to determine the age of the vessel.

⁽⁵⁾ In the case of a census of the fleet, this should be the date of the census in the Member State making the declaration; in the case of new construction, the date of entry into service; where a correction or deletion of a declaration is involved, it should be the date of the event corrected or deleted.

Table 1 — Codes for updating indicator

Census	XXX
Entry into fishing (new construction)	CST
Entry into fishing (change of activity)	CHA
Modification of a vessel	MOD
Entry into fishing by importation	IMP
Withdrawal from fishing by exportation	EXP
Withdrawal from fishing by cessation of fishing activity in Member State	RET
Withdrawal from fishing by destruction	DES
Correction of previously declared event	COR
Deletion of previously declared event	DEL

Table 2 — Codes for type of fishing gear

Towed gear

Bottom otter trawls	OTB
Beam trawls	TBB
Bottom pair trawls	PTB
Danish seines (anchor)	SDN
Scottish seines (fly-dragging)	SSC
Beach seines	SB
Dredges	DRB
Bottom trawls for crustaceans	CTB
Mid-water otter trawls	OTM
Mid-water pair trawls	PTM
Other towed gear	OTG

Static and other gear

Purse seines	PS
Gillnets (set)	GNS
Gillnets (drift)	GND
Trammel nets	GTR
Longlines (set)	LLS
Longlines (drifting)	LLD
Pots	FPO
Towed lines	LH
Live-bait gear	BTF
Other static and other gears	OFG

All vessels that have been declared as using static gears and towed gears are considered as polyvalent vessels.

Table 3 — Codes for hull material

Wood	1
Metal	2
Fibreglass/plastic	3
Other	4

Table 4 — Codes for type of withdrawal

Publicly assisted	1
Not publicly assisted, not related to the entry of new capacity	2
Not publicly assisted, related to the entry of new capacity	3

ANNEX II

DATA TO BE COMMUNICATED ACCORDING TO DECLARATION TYPE

	Deletion of an event (DEL)									
	Correction of an event (COR)									
	Destruction of a fishing vessel (DES)									
	Retirement of a vessel from fishing (RET)									
	Export of a fishing vessel (EXP)									
	Modification of a fishing vessel (MOD)									
	Import of a fishing vessel (IMP)									
	Change of activity to fishing (CHA)									
	New construction of a fishing vessel (CST)									
	Census of a fishing vessel (XXX)									
Updating indicator	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Internal number	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Date of event	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Category of programme	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Country of registration	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Flag	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Registration number	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Name of vessel	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Port of registration	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
International radio call sign	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
External marking	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Type of fishing gear 1	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Type of fishing gear 2	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Type of fishing gear 3	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Length overall	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Length between perpendiculars	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Tonnage 2930/86	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Tonnage Oslo Convention	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Tonnage, other standard	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Main engine power	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Other engine power	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Hull material	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Date of entry into service	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Year of construction	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	—	(¹)	—
Importing/exporting country	—	—	—	x	—	x	—	—	(¹)	—
Assisted withdrawal scheme	—	—	—	—	—	x	x	x	(¹)	—

x: to be communicated.

—: leave blank.

(¹) communication of the same data as originally given for the event being corrected.

ANNEX III

SPECIAL VALUES ACCORDING TO DECLARATION TYPE

	Deletion of an event (DEL)									
	Correction of an event (COR)									
	Destruction of a fishing vessel (DES)									
	Retirement of a vessel from fishing (RET)									
	Export of a fishing vessel (EXP)									
	Modification of a fishing vessel (MOD)									
	Import of a fishing vessel (IMP)									
	Change of activity to fishing (CHA)									
	New construction of a fishing vessel (CST)									
	Census of a fishing vessel (XXX)									
Updating indicator	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu
Internal number	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu
Date of event	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu	vu
Category of programme	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Country of registration	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Flag	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Registration number	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Name of vessel	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Port of registration	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
International radio call sign	—	—	—	—	—,=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
External marking	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Type of fishing gear 1	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Type of fishing gear 2	—	—	—	—	—,=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Type of fishing gear 3	—	—	—	—	—,=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Length overall	? (3)	? (3)	? (3)	? (3)	? (3),=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Length between perpendiculars	? (3)	? (3)	? (3)	? (3)	? (3),=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Tonnage 2930/86	? (4)	? (4)	? (4)	? (4)	? (4),=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Tonnage Oslo Convention	? (4)	? (4)	? (4)	? (4)	? (4),=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Tonnage, other standard	? (4)	? (4)	? (4)	? (4)	? (4),=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Main engine power	vu	vu	vu	vu	=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Other engine power	?,—	?,—	?,—	?,—	?,—,=	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Hull material	vu	vu	vu	vu	so	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Date of entry into service	vu (2)	vu (2)	vu (2)	vu (2)	so	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Year of construction	vu	vu	vu	vu	so	so	so	so	npc (1)	so
Importing/exporting country	so	so	so	vu	so	vu	so	so	npc (1)	so
Assisted withdrawal scheme	so	so	so	so	so	vu	vu	vu	npc (1)	so

?: unknown.

—: does not exist.

=: unchanged.

npc: not to be corrected.

so: not applicable (leave blank).

vu: customary values only.

(1) Include all particular values entered for the event being corrected.

(2) The month and the month and day may be unknown.

(3) At least one of the two lengths must be communicated.

(4) At least one of the three tonnage measurements must be communicated.

ANNEX IV

REPRESENTATION OF THE SPECIAL VALUES

	Unknown	Does not exist	Unchanged	Do not correct
Updating indicator	—	—	—	—
Internal number	—	—	—	—
Date of event	—	—	—	—
Category of programme	—	—	997	990
Country of registration	—	—	997	990
Flag	—	—	997	990
Registration number	—	—	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Name of vessel	—	—	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Port of registration	—	—	99997	99990
International radio call sign	—	9 ... 95	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
External marking	—	—	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Type of fishing gear 1	—	—	997	990
Type of fishing gear 2	—	995	997	990
Type of fishing gear 3	—	995	997	990
Length overall	99999	—	99997	99990
Length between perpendiculars	99999	—	99997	99990
Tonnage London	9 ... 99	—	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Tonnage Oslo Convention	9 ... 99	—	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Tonnage, other standard	9 ... 99	—	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Main engine power	—	—	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Other engine power	9 ... 99	9 ... 95	9 ... 97	9 ... 90
Hull material	—	—	—	0
Date of entry into service	— ⁽¹⁾	—	—	9 ... 90
Year of construction	—	—	—	9990
Importing/exporting country	—	—	—	990
Assisted withdrawal scheme	—	—	—	0

⁽¹⁾ Use YYYYMM99 for dates where the day of the month is not known and YYYY9999 for dates where the month and day are unknown

ANNEX V

DEFAULT VALUES ACCORDING TO DECLARATION TYPE

	Deletion of an event (DEL)									
	Correction of an event (COR)									
	Destruction of a fishing vessel (DES)									
	Retirement of a vessel from fishing (RET)									
	Export of a fishing vessel (EXP)									
	Modification of a fishing vessel (MOD)									
	Import of a fishing vessel (IMP)									
	Change of activity to fishing (CHA)									
	New construction of a fishing vessel (CST)									
	Census of a fishing vessel (XXX)									
Updating indicator	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil
Internal number	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil
Date of event	(¹)	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil
Category of programme	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Country of registration	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	=	so	so	so	(²)	so
Flag	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Registration number	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Name of vessel	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Port of registration	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
International radio call sign	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
External marking	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Type of fishing gear 1	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Type of fishing gear 2	—	—	—	—	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Type of fishing gear 3	—	—	—	—	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Length overall	?	?	?	?	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Length between perpendiculars	?	?	?	?	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Tonnage 2930/86	?	?	?	?	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Tonnage Oslo Convention	?	?	?	?	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Tonnage, other standard	?	?	?	?	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Main engine power	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Other engine power	?	?	?	?	=	so	so	so	npc	so
Hull material	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	so	so	so	so	npc	so
Date of entry into service	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	so	so	so	so	npc	so
Year of construction	nihil	nihil	nihil	nihil	so	so	so	so	npc	so
Importing/exporting country	so	so	so	nihil	so	nihil	so	so	npc	so
Assisted withdrawal scheme	so	so	so	so	so	nihil	nihil	nihil	npc	so

?: unknown

—: does not exist

=: unchanged

npc: do not correct

so: not applicable (leave blank)

nihil: no default value

(¹) date of the census in the declaring country.(²) code of the declaring country.