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**COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/2065**  
**of 25 August 2021**  
**establishing a discard plan for turbot fisheries in the Black Sea**

*Article 1*

**Implementation of the landing obligation**

The landing obligation provided for in Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 shall apply in the Black Sea to the fisheries of turbot (*Psetta maxima*) caught with bottom-set gillnets (gear code <sup>(1)</sup> GNS), in accordance with this Regulation.

*Article 2*

**Definition**

For the purposes of this Regulation, ‘Black Sea’ means maritime waters in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (‘GFCM’) Geographical Sub-Area 29 as defined in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>.

*Article 3*

**Survivability exemption**

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1. The exemption from the landing obligation pursuant to point (b) of Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 for species for which scientific evidence demonstrates high survival rates shall apply until 31 December 2024 to turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus*) caught with bottom-set gillnets (GNS) in the Black Sea.

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2. Turbot (*Psetta maxima*) caught in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 1 shall be released immediately in the area where it has been caught.

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*Article 4*

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

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<sup>(1)</sup> Gear codes used in this Regulation refer to those codes in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common fisheries policy (OJ L 112, 30.4.2011, p. 1). For the vessels whose length overall is less than 10 metres gear codes used in this table refer to the codes from the FAO gear classification.

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea (OJ L 347, 30.12.2011, p. 44).

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It shall apply from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024.

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