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To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION fixing for 2019 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea - Commission non-paper on Anchovy

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Delegations will find attached the above-mentioned document as received from the Commission services.

# COMMISSION SERVICES NON PAPER

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## **Updates to Commission proposal COM(2018) 608 for a Council Regulation fixing for 2019 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea**

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**1. AMENDMENT TO COMMISSION PROPOSAL REGARDING ANCHOVY IN 9 AND 10; UNION WATERS OF CECAF 34.1.1**

- 1) The following recital 10a is inserted:

In the previous years the total allowable catches (TAC) for anchovy in 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 have been fixed for a calendar year. In July 2018 ICES issued its advice for the period from 1 July of the current year to 30 June of the following year for this stock. Those periods should be aligned in order to match the TAC period with that of the ICES advice. Exceptionally and only due to the transition, the TAC for anchovy should be amended to cover the period of 18 months, ending at 30 June 2019.

- 2) Recital 11 is replaced by the following:

In order to avoid interruption of fishing activities and to ensure the livelihoods of Union fishermen, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 2019. However, this Regulation should apply to anchovy in 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 from 1 January 2018. For reasons of urgency, this Regulation should enter into force immediately after its publication.

3) The following Article is inserted:

*"Article 9a*  
*Amendment to Regulation (EU) 2018/120*

In Annex IA to Regulation (EU) 2018/120, the fishing opportunities table for anchovy in 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 is replaced by the following:

Species: Anchovy		Zone: 9 and 10; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1  (ANE/9/3411)
<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>		
Spain	10 802 (1)	Precautionary TAC
Portugal	11 784 (1)	
Union	22 586 (1)	
TAC	22 586 (1)	

(1) The quota may only be fished from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019.

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4) Article 10 is replaced by the following:

*"Article 10*  
*Entry into force*

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2019, with the exception of Article 9a which shall apply from 1 January 2018.

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

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