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5.1.3 Nephrops caught with trawl gears in area IV (netgrid)

May I kindly ask you to provide information on the numbers of vessels, catch etc. for Nephrops grounds outside the Farne Deeps, using the template provided by STECF.

SE Not affected

UK Data from the UK in separate document

DK not affected

DE not affected

NL In 2016 1 vessels fished in the Farne Deeps and caught 3 ton nephrops (of the total catches of 971 tons by Dutch nephrops vessels)

Be not affected

FR not affected

5.1.4 Sole (undersized only) caught with trawl gears in area IVc

We would appreciate if it would be possible to clarify the location of the nursery areas referred to in the JR (if at all applicable for area IVc).

No additional data available

5.1.5 Fish bycatch in pots and fyke nets (FPO, FYK) in area IIIa and IV

Please submit fleet and fishery information for all fleets that potentially benefit from this exemption, using the STECF template.

SE data included

UK not affected

DK not affected

DE

In 2013-15, one individual German vessel used this gear in a directed fishery for edible crab. Fish were not landed and fish discards remain unknown.

FPO FYK IIIa and IVabc	2013	2014	2015	Min	Max	Mean	
No. Vessels	0	1	3		0	3	1
Fish landings (t)	0	0	0		0	0	0

NL Not affected despite a fleet of 67 mainly small vessels (<10 m) that target crab, Chinese rivercrab and lobster in coastal waters and the former estuary in the south of the Netherlands. Discards unknown. These vessels do not land quota species.

Be not affected

FR not affected

5.2.5. Whiting and cod caught using bottom trawls <100mm (TR2)

As it has now become evident that not only French fishermen use the de minimis exemption, we would need to know whether the rational and studies presented in Annex E also apply to other fleets.

SE not affected.

UK data included

DK not affected

DE During the years 2013-15, only 3 German vessels operated in IVc using TR2 in a limited mixed fishery primarily targeting plaice. De data is included below. We would take it that any de minimis exemption would apply to all Member States and not only to the fleet of a specific Member State. However we could not specify the volume of German discards.

OTB OTT 80-99	2013	2014	2015	Min	Max	Mean
non-NEP ICES						
IVc						
No. Vessels	1	0	3	0	3	1
Landings (t)						
COD	0	0	0.151	0	0.151	0.05
WHG	0	0	0	0	0	0
HAD	0	0	0	0	0	0
PLE	0.084	0	2.968	0	2.968	1.017
SOL	0	0	2.068	0	2.068	0.689
NEP	0.153	0	0.166	0	0.166	0.106

NL Data included. The Netherlands originally provided data for area IV however since the de minimis request was restricted to IVC the data has now been adjusted. The vessels of the Netherlands target flatfish (mainly plaice) and non quota species. They make multiple day fishing trips and meet similar problems as the vessels from the French Fleet

Be not affected

FR data included

Annex 4. Template for the provision of information that defines the fisheries to which de minimis exemptions should apply (template 4.1a from the EWG-16-06 report to the STECF)

Country	Exemption applied for (species, area, gear type)	Species as bycatch or target	Number of vessels subject to LO	Estimated landings - all species under LO (in tonnes) - 2015	Estimated discards - all species (in tonnes)	Estimated catch - all species (in tonnes)	Discard rate	Estimated de minimis volumes (in tonnes) - 6% exemption
FR (mixed fishery)*	<u>species</u> : whiting and cod <u>area</u> : IVabc, IIIa <u>gear types</u> : TR2 it is is estimated that over 90 % is in IVC	target and by-catch	120	1976.7	814.3	2791.0	29%	167.46 On which : - max 55,82 t of cod (2% of estimated catch) - max 167,46 t of whiting
NL ^[1] (2016)	<u>species</u> : whiting and cod <u>area</u> : IVc	target and bycatch	38**	Total 2.150.4 Cod 28.3	Cod 0.1 Cod 93 whiting		Cod 0.5% Whiting	Cod Whiting 0,1 cod = 0 % 93 whiting (=

^[1] Source: Wageningen Marine Research, discard monitoring demersal fisheries 2016

	gear types: TR2 (vessels not targeting nephrops)			Whiting 244.9			38%	4%)
UK	whiting and cod TR2 area IVc	Bycatch in TR2 fishery predominantly targeting sole	22 TR2 vessels in area IVc landing more than 5t of species other than Nephrops from the North Sea (to define the non- Nephrops TR2 fleet) (2016 data)	Cod 17,837 kg whiting 2,457 kg (2016)	Cod 1,337 kg Whiting 2,236 kg	Cod 19,174 kg Whiting 4,693 kg	Cod 7.5% Whiting 91%	Cod 1,150 kg Whiting 281 kg

Source : STECF data base ; ObsMer data 2015 (Cornou *et al*, 2016)

**TR2 mixed fisheries fleet segment