

Fisheries Information Notice - 06 of 2017 Stowage of Demersal Catch



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The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice No. 06 of 2017 entitled: 'Stowage of Demersal Catches'

Legislation

Reference:

- EU 1224/09 control Regulation
- SI 54 /2016 Sea fisheries Community Control System Regulation
- SI 55/2013 Monkfish Control of Landing Regulation 2013.

Stowage of catch

Currently multi annual plans apply to the following Demersal Species:

- Cod in ICES Area VIIa & VIa.
- Hake in ICES Area VII & VI.

Separate Stowage

EU 1224-2009 Art 44. Requires that onboard any vessel of 12 meters length overall or more, catches of demersal species subject to multiannual plans shall be placed in boxes, compartments or containers separately and are identifiable from other boxes compartments or containers.

Stowage plan - catches of demersal stocks subject to multiannual plans shall be stowed in accordance with a stowage plan which describes the location of the different species in the hold.

Prohibition

It is prohibited to retain onboard a community fishing vessel in any box, compartment or container any quantity of catches of demersal stocks subject to multi annual plan mixed with any other fisheries product.

Stocks Subject to Landing obligation

Stocks below the minimum conservation reference size (MCRS), which have been retained in accordance with the landing obligation, should be stored separately from other stocks and clearly identified. Different Stocks below MCRS may be stored in the same container.

Monkfish Irish Fishing Vessels

The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat, wherever it may be, shall ensure that monkfish is stored separately from other fish retained on board the seafishing boat and is displayed on the vessel stowage plan.

No other species shall be placed in a container containing Monkfish, nor shall Monkfish be placed in any container containing any other species.

Within the hold, boxes of monkfish need not be separated from other boxed catches, provided that its location in the vessels hold where it is stacked can be clearly identified, and that this is clearly detailed in the stowage plan.

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