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Product Labelling Requirements

Proposal by European Union

Background:

The FC Doc 06/12, new Management Measures for Shrimp in Divisions 3L and 3M, was adopted at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

The objective of this proposal, as specified in its title and explanatory memorandum, was to enhance the control tools in order to prevent misreporting of shrimps catches between Divisions 3L and 3M.

The European Community fully shared that objective and supported this proposal.

The consolidated changes, in particular in relation to the Article 22, which read in isolation could give impression that boxes of not only shrimps but all other species should be marked with the date of capture can create new obligations for other fisheries than the shrimps fishery.

The EC cannot share that view.

In order to avoid all possible misunderstanding, the European Union wish to clarify the objective of Article 22 and the way it should be implemented.

PROPOSAL:

Article 22 – Product Labelling Requirements

When processed, all fish harvested in the Regulatory Area shall be labelled in such a way that each species and product category and, in the case of shrimps, the date of capture, is identifiable using respectively the 3-Alpha Code in Annex II and the product form code in Annex XX(c). It shall also be clearly marked as having been caught in the Regulatory Area.

Furthermore, all shrimps harvested in Divisions 3L and 3M and all Greenland halibut harvested in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO shall be marked in accordance with the stock area.