



The EU fisheries control Regulation some elements new and relevant for the external fleet

- Uncertainty vs changing regulatory framework
- **Upcoming EU framework on fisheries control – major revision of the fisheries control Regulation**
- Secondary legislation to be developed



Digitalisation

Small scale fisheries

- After 2 years: **geolocalisation + electronic catch reporting** (vessels 12-15m)
- After 4 years: same provisions for **all vessels < 12m**

Recreational fisheries

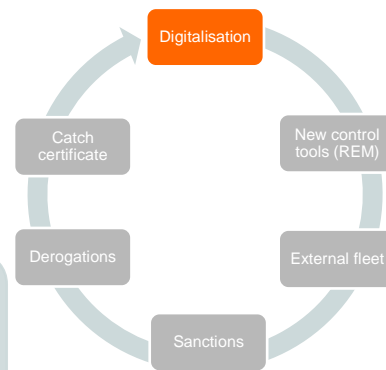
- Electronic catch recording (after 2Y for quotas species, other species depending on scientific advice from 2030). Data collection for all other species (2Y).

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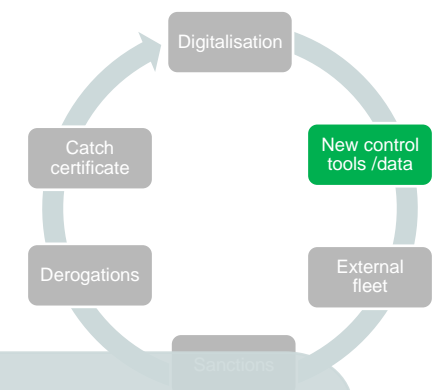
- All catch registration documents become electronic (2 to 4 Y)
- Electronic transport documents and inspection reports (2Y)

Traceability

- **More information** required and **responsibility** of operators to make it available
- **Information made available in a digital way**
 - ❖ Fresh and frozen products: (2Y)
 - ❖ Prepared and preserved + Algae (5Y), after secondary legislation adopted
- EU and **imported products**: same provisions



New control tools/data



REM CCTVs

- **Catching vessels > 18 m at high/very high risk of illegal discards**
- **4 years** after entry into force (2028)
- Secondary legislation needed on fleet segments, technical specifications, storage, exchange of and access to the data.

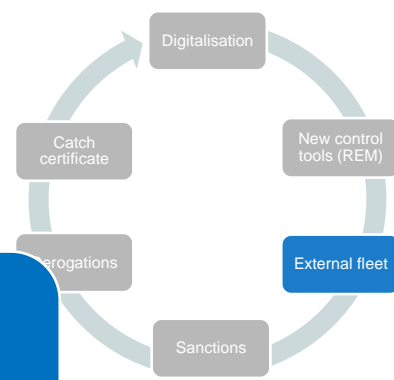
Engine power

- **Continuous monitoring** for certain categories of vessels (ex: engine above 221 KW + towed gears + risk assessment)
- 4 years after entry into force (2028)

Logbook

- **Unique fishing identification number**
- Reporting of **sensitive species** and lost gears
- For vessels > 12m – reporting haul by haul

Control of the EU external fleet



Prior notification

EU vessels landing in non-EU Countries

48h prior to landing: notification to the flag Member State.

AIS

If switched off for exceptional circumstances: report the action and reason to the flag Member State and, if relevant, to the coastal State.

Authorisation for transhipments outside EU waters and in non-EU ports

Request to the flag Member State: 48h in advance.

Authorisation is necessary before transhipment.

(NB: transhipment outside ports in EU waters remains banned)

Sanctions/enforcement further harmonization



Infringements

2 Categories of serious infringements:

- ❖ Serious infringement **per se** (objectively pre-identified as serious);
- ❖ Qualification of seriousness **based on harmonised criteria**

New infringements – e.g.

- ❖ Conducting fishing activities with the use of **forced labour**
- ❖ Illegally disposing of a **fishing gear** at sea

Minimum sanctions

Minimum levels of minimum sanctions or standard rates for serious infringements

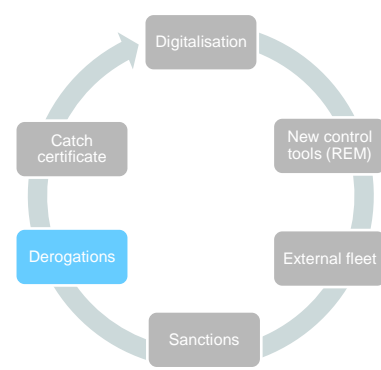
Point system

Harmonised points for serious infringements for the holder of fishing licence and for the master – secondary legislation to follow on registration of masters and on the recording of points assigned to them.



Implementation

Derogations to 10% margin of tolerance (MOT)

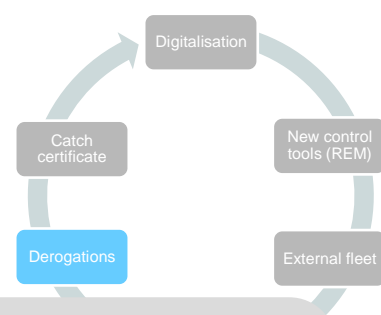


Margin of Tolerance (MOT) for quantities retained on board maintained at **10% per each species**.

Derogations

- ❖ Species < 100 Kg - MOT is 20% per each species
- ❖ **Unsorted small pelagic, industrial and tropical purse seiner fisheries** – specific rules under fulfilment of certain conditions
- ❖ Baltic multi-annual plan species:
 - Revocation of the current MOT 10% per total Catch
 - MOT 20% per each species, during only 4 years (until end 2028)

Tropical purse seiner fisheries



If **landed in listed ports** ensuring adequate **control and accuracy on weighing and catch registration**

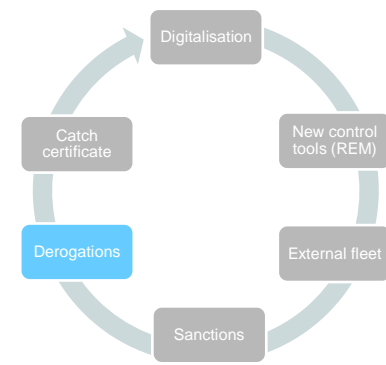
In case of species representing:

- ❖ $\geq 2\%$ in weight of all species \rightarrow MOT 10% of TOTAL of all species, applied per each species
 - ❖ $< 2\%$ in weight of all species \rightarrow MOT 200Kg or 0.5% of TOTAL of all species per each species
- +**
- ❖ For the total quantity of species \rightarrow MOT 10% of the total quantity of all species

**Weighing and catch
registration conditions
&
Complying list of ports**

\rightarrow **Secondary legislation (6 months after entry into force)**

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Alternatively (landings not in listed ports)

In case of species representing:

- ❖ $\geq 2\%$ in weight of all species \rightarrow MOT 10% per each species
- ❖ $< 2\%$ in weight of all species \rightarrow MOT 200Kg or 20% per each species