

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
2020/0366(COD)	
Fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters	
Subject 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds	
Geographical area United Kingdom	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> <a href="#">Fisheries</a>		
Council of the European Union	Commission DG	Commissioner	
European Commission	<a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events			
10/12/2020	Legislative proposal published	COM(2020)0830	Summary
10/12/2020	Decision by committee, without report		
14/12/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
18/12/2020	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T9-0389/2020</a>	Summary
23/12/2020	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
23/12/2020	Final act signed		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2020/0366(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 163; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed, awaiting publication in Official Journal
Committee dossier	PECH/9/04840

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2020)0830	10/12/2020	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0389/2020</a>	18/12/2020	EP	Summary
Draft final act		00068/2020/LEX	23/12/2020	CSL	

## 2020/0366(COD) - 10/12/2020 Legislative proposal

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**PURPOSE:** to establish provisional measures concerning fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in UK waters and fishing operations by UK fishing vessels in Union waters after the end of the transitional period referred to in the UK withdrawal agreement.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** this proposal is part of a package of targeted contingency measures to prepare for a possible scenario of no agreement between the EU and the United Kingdom after the end of the transitional period.

In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 (the basic Regulation of the Common Fisheries Policy), Union fishing vessels enjoy equal access to EU waters and resources subject to the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy.

From the end of the transitional period, the Common Fisheries Policy would no longer apply to the United Kingdom. The UK waters (territorial sea and adjacent exclusive economic zone) will then no longer be part of EU waters. To ensure sustainable fisheries and given the importance of fishing for the economic livelihood of many communities, it is necessary to facilitate the authorisation procedures for fishing vessels.

**CONTENT:** the proposal would amend EU Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 in order to create the appropriate legal framework valid until 31 December 2021, or until the date of conclusion of a fisheries agreement with the United Kingdom - whichever is earlier - on the continued reciprocal access of EU and UK vessels to each other's waters after 31 December 2020.

The specific rules provided for in this proposal should apply from the day following the end of the transition period. The granting of authorisations is subject to the principle of "reciprocity", i.e. on condition that the United Kingdom extends access rights for EU vessels to conduct fishing activities in United Kingdom waters on a basis satisfactory to the Union.

Consequently, authorisations would only be granted if and to the extent that the United Kingdom provides authorisations for Union vessels to make use of fishing opportunities allocated to them.

## 2020/0366(COD) - 18/12/2020 Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

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The European Parliament adopted by 677 votes to 4, with 6 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 as regards fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

The proposal is part of a package of temporary contingency measures to alleviate some of the major disruptions that will occur on 1 January 2021 in the event that an agreement with the United Kingdom is not yet reached.

The proposed regulation aims to create an appropriate legal framework valid until 31 December 2021, or until the date of conclusion of a fisheries agreement with the United Kingdom, whichever is earlier, on the continued reciprocal access of EU and UK vessels to each other's waters after 31 December 2020.

In order to ensure sustainable fisheries and given the importance of fisheries for the economic livelihood of many communities, the proposal would facilitate the authorisation procedures for fishing vessels.