

Presentation on the state of play of the implementation of the Control Regulation

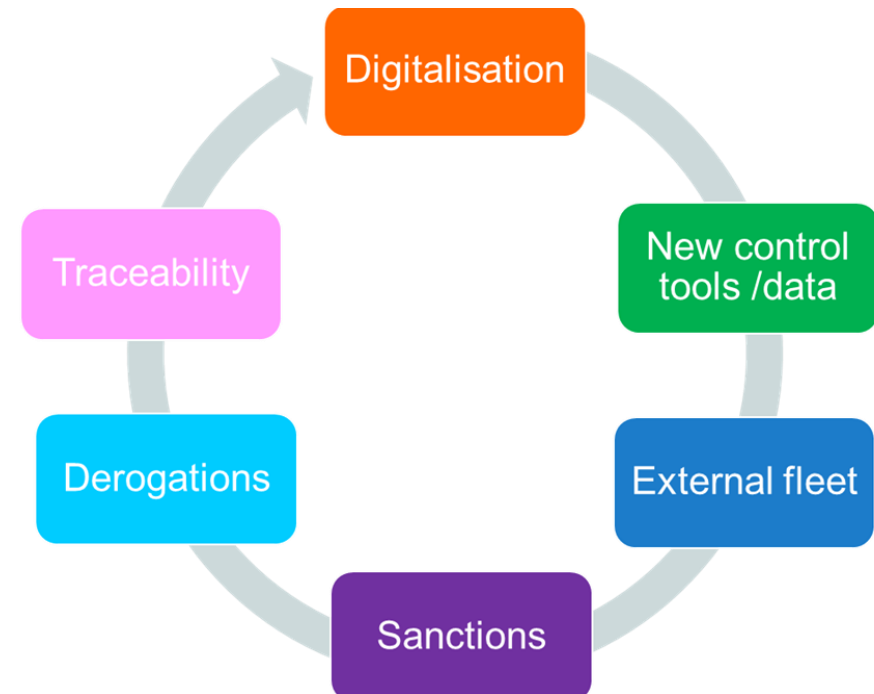
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What are we talking about?

Revised Fisheries Control Regulation

- On 9 January 2024, the new Regulation amending the EU fisheries control system, including the Control Regulation, entered into force.
- Most of the provisions will enter into force in 2026, 2027, 2028.
- Some important new changes concern: *new mandatory control tools, weighing and catch registration rules, rules on digitization, new rules on margin of tolerance (MoT), greater control of the external fleet, harmonised rules on sanctioning, improved rules on traceability*

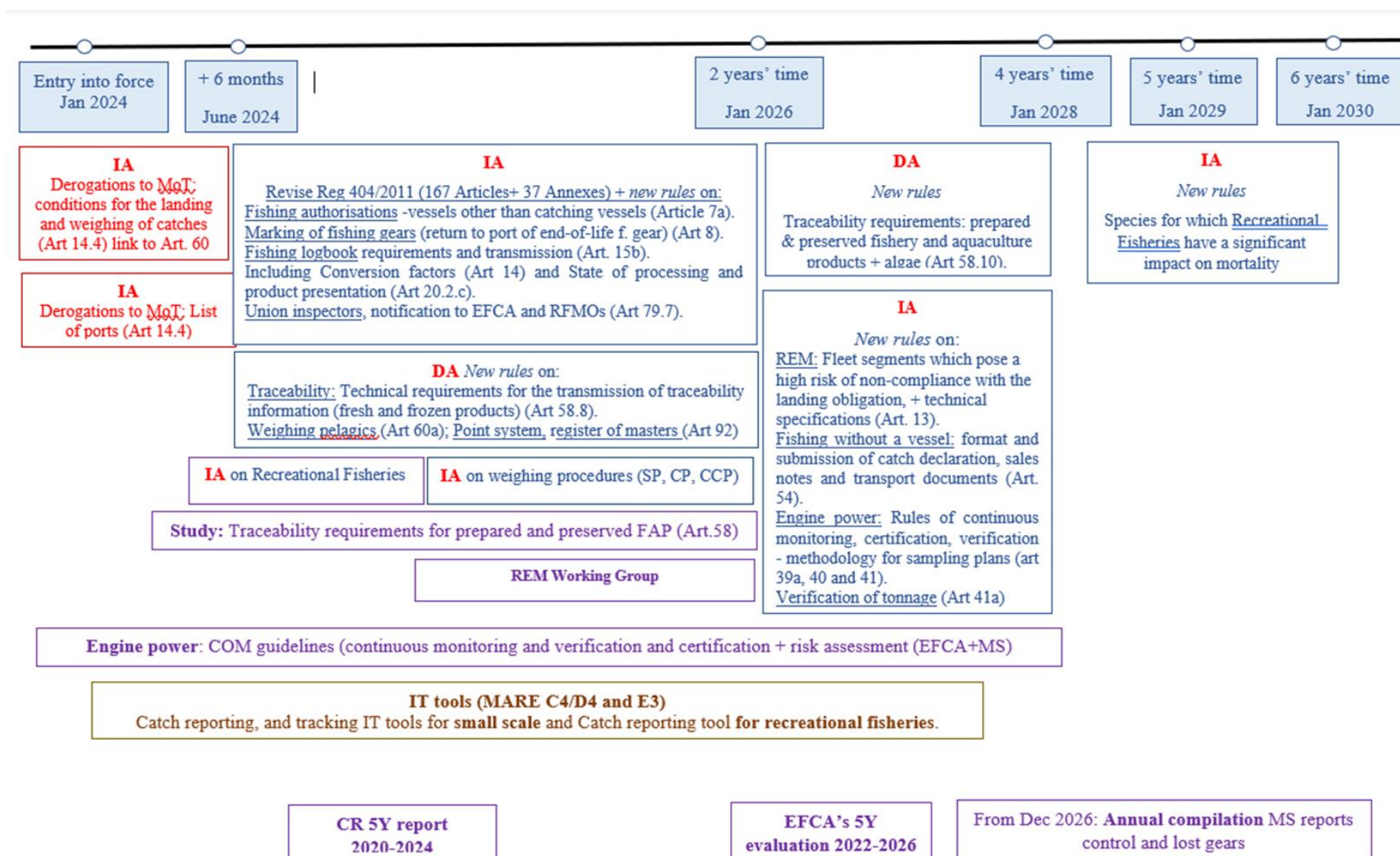


Implementation of the Fisheries Control Regulation

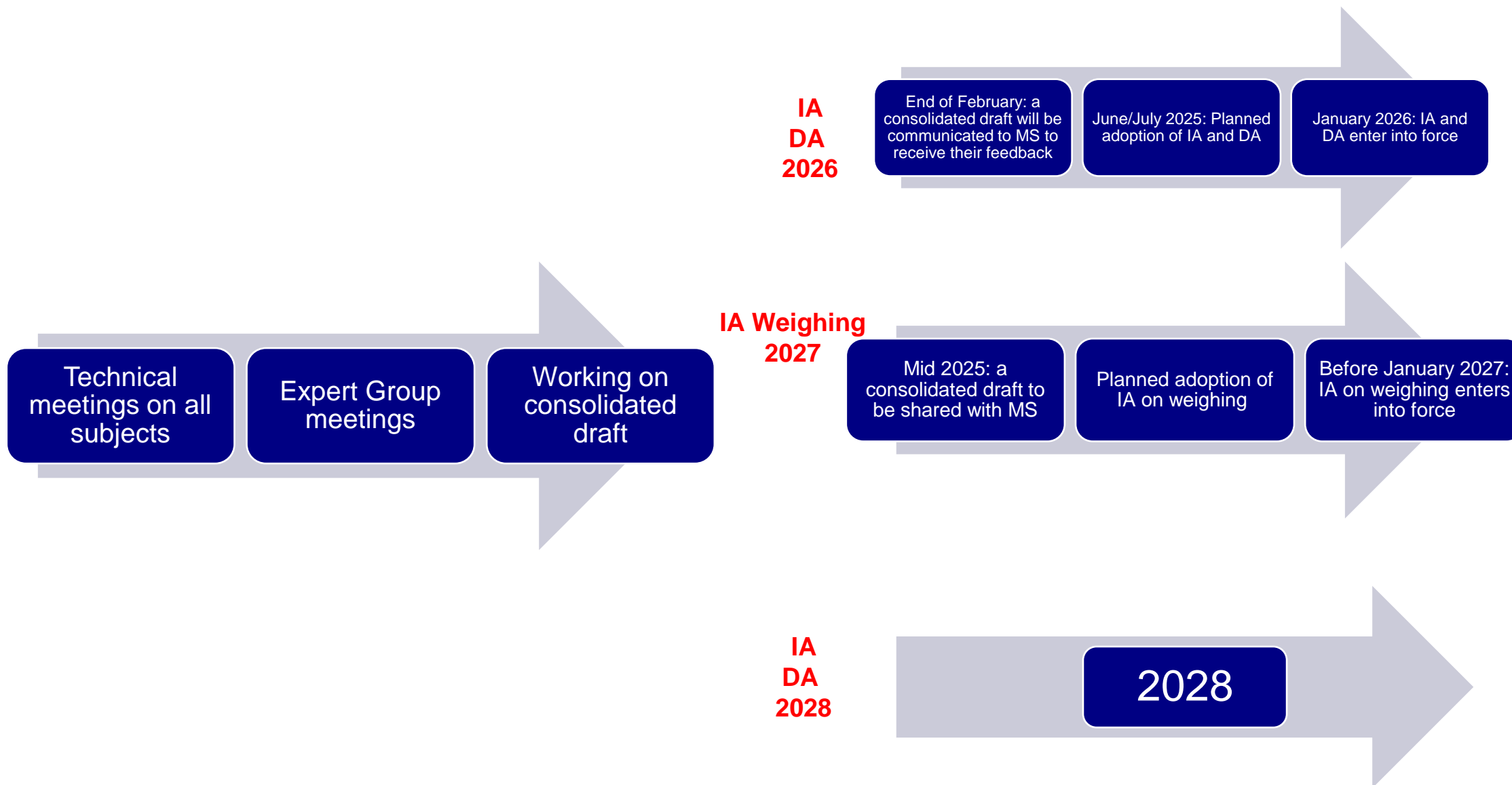
- The **co-legislators have granted the Commission powers** to adopt implementing rules under the Control Regulation.
 - **Deadlines are set** mean that key obligations will enter into force on a specific date [No flexibility].
- These specifications are **essential for operators and Member States** to comply with the new regulation.
- The current Control Implementing Regulation (Regulation 404/2011) **would be repealed.**
- The new Implementing Act and Delegated Act are urgently **needed to ensure legal clarity and a smooth transition** for Member States and stakeholders.



Calendar of the Implementation of the Control Regulation



Current situation



New Implementing and Delegated Acts

2026 New IA and DA: Revision of existing provisions from the CIR 404

Elements to be covered:

- Frequency of transmission
- Electronic transmission of logbook
- Point system for masters of fishing vessels
- Digital catch reporting

2027 New IA on weighing

- New rules must be finalised by January 2027, when current Sampling Plans expire



2028 Implementing and Delegated Acts

New implementing rules:

- REM
- Segments at risk
- Continuous engine power
- Small scale fishery
- Digitalisation of traceability for prepared and preserved FAPs and Algae



Derogation to the Margin of Tolerance

- Several **Member States have expressed interest** in listing ports under the revised Control Regulation.
- Proposals need to be aligned with conditions set out in Articles 2 and 3 for EU ports and with Articles 4 and 5 for third-country ports of **Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1474**.



Example empowerment – Article 8 revised Control Regulation Vessel Monitoring Systems

- 1. Member States shall operate vessel monitoring systems** for effective monitoring of position and movement of the fishing vessels flying their flag, wherever those vessels may be, as well as of fishing vessels in their waters. Each flag Member State shall collect and analyse the vessel position data and ensure its monitoring on a continuous and systematic basis [...]
- 5.** When a Union fishing vessel is in the waters of another Member State, **the flag Member State shall make available the vessel position data** of that vessel by automatic transmission of the data received to the fisheries monitoring centre of the coastal Member State [...]
- 8. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts,** lay down detailed rules on: (a) the format and content of vessel position data; (b) the minimum requirements and minimum technical specifications of vessel monitoring devices; (c) the frequency of transmission of the data concerning the position and movement of fishing vessels, including in fishing restricted areas; (d) the transmission of data to coastal Member States; (e) the responsibilities of the masters of fishing vessels concerning the operation of vessel monitoring devices [...]



Any questions ?

