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Questions to DG MARE on control arrangements with the UK after Brexit

1. In the event of a discrepancy between UK and EU control measures, what measures apply to EU vessels fishing in UK waters and how will a level playing field between vessels be ensured? In the event that both parties don't agree on TACs, would there still be a uniform control system?
2. What role the Fisheries Committee will have in terms of control? If there are issues on control between the parties, are they going to be resolved within the Fisheries Committee?
3. It is not clear if there is currently any margin of tolerance in the catch certificate that allows landing a larger quantity than the declared one or some other alternative that allows unloading the difference between the estimated and actual weight. Could DG MARE try to find a solution to this problem that will affect both parties (EU and UK), allowing, for example, a maximum variation of 10% between what is estimated and previously declared with what is actually landed?
4. What is the scope of the licenses that have been granted to the British within 6-12 miles? Is this restricted to 6-12 miles from the MS in which the UK history was produced? Which is the method to prove the history of vessels not fitted with VMS?
5. In terms of widely distributed stocks, is there an ambition to have a control agreement between UK and EU?
6. In relation to infringements in UK waters, what implications does that have for the licences issued by the UK?
7. If a small vessel has a licence from the UK and from its national authority but no physical copy on board, is it liable to be arrested?
8. Is there going to be a joint communication from EU and UK in terms of questions & answers on control issues in respective waters? Such document would be very useful.
9. If there are divergences between the two parties on the Landing Obligation, for example on the de minimis exemptions, how is that going to be enforced in respective waters?
10. Concerning seabass, it seems that the UK has granted authorisations to all trawlers and seiners without having them to demonstrate track record as currently required by law. The UK motivation behind this is that the other EU MS haven't been enforcing this law either. Could DG MARE provide clarification on this?



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11. Could the Commission please advise how the UK and the EU will ensure that they are both properly enforcing agreed fisheries laws and, where it appears a law is not being upheld, how the issue will be resolved?
12. Concerning seabass, EU and UK laws currently require that demersal trawlers and seiners should only have a seabass unavoidable bycatch allowance if they have a qualifying track record. We should be grateful if the EU Commission would confirm that both UK and EU member states are applying the law correctly.
13. There are concerns about the rapid increase in fly shooting in the Channel and the impact this is having on other fishermen. The UK Government is now aware of this issue and is seeking information on the fishery. How will the EU and the UK liaise at an early stage on emerging issues like this that could have a significant impact on the status quo in a shared fishery?
14. There are concerns about the cod closure in the Irish Sea and particularly on the possibility that the UK may not participate to the same degree in the closure, using different derogations. Having different interpretations on the closure would certainly create difficulties for the vessels. Could the Commission please clarify the issue, also with regard to other closures shared with the UK, and how it has been addressed in the negotiations?