



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Dear Mr Brouckaert,

Thank you for your letter, in which you enquire how Member States implement the requirements set out in Article 12(2) of the North Sea Multiannual Plan, in particular regarding the period 2006-2007 referred therein.

The Commission does not hold detailed information about differences in the implementation of the above provision, by the Member States concerned. Therefore, I would suggest you raise this with the Member States, possibly through the North Western Waters Member States Group, and to invite the Member States to share their methodologies for including vessels under the capacity ceilings referred to in Article 12(2) of the North Sea Multiannual Plan. The Commission would be prepared to participate in this exercise. I understand that a discussion has already taken place at technical level in the NWW Member States Group, and this could be a good basis to start from.

In accordance with its Article 15, the Commission will evaluate the North Sea Multiannual Plan by August 2023. It will assess the implementation of the Plan, including the functioning of this provision in the framework of that evaluation.

Yours sincerely,

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