

Conditions in relation to mesh size specifications

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Annex V - Part B	<p>Mesh sizes</p> <p>1. Baseline mesh sizes for towed gears</p> <p>The following codend mesh sizes shall apply in the North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat.</p> <p>Part B</p> <p>Codend Mesh Size / Geographical Areas / Conditions</p> <p>At least 120mm / Whole area / None</p>		<p>Part B</p> <p>Mesh sizes</p> <p>1. Baseline mesh sizes for towed gears</p> <p>The following codend mesh sizes shall apply in the North Sea, and Skagerrak/Kattegat, as specified in the table below.</p> <p>Codend Mesh Size / Geographical Areas / Conditions</p> <p>At least 120mm / Whole area / None</p>	<p>1. Baseline mesh sizes for towed gears</p> <p>The following codend mesh sizes shall apply in the North Sea, and Skagerrak/Kattegat, as specified in the table below.</p> <p>Codend Mesh Size / Geographical Areas / Conditions</p> <p>At least 120mm / Whole area / None</p>
				<p>When catches of cod and haddock exceed 10% of the total catch in kilograms of fish retained on board then a mesh size of 120mm shall be used. Vessels may opt to use smaller mesh sizes provided that selectivity modifications as approved by STECF that result in the same or better selectivity characteristics for cod and haddock as that of 120mm.</p>
				<p><u>At least 100mm/North Sea south of 57°30'N/Directed fishing for plaice and sole (50%) with otter trawls and seines. A square mesh panel of at least 90mm shall be fitted.</u></p>

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		<p>Amendment 206</p> <p>Annex V – Part B – para. 1 – table – row 2 b (new)</p> <p><u>At least 90 mm/ Skagerrak and Kattegat / A panel with a mesh size of at least 270 mm (diamond mesh) or of 140mm^{1a}(square mesh) shall be fitted.</u></p>	<p><u>At least 90mm/ Skagerrak and Kattegat/A top panel of at least 270mm mesh size (diamond mesh) or at least 140 mm^x mesh size (square mesh) shall be fitted.</u></p>	<p><u>At least 90mm/ Skagerrak and Kattegat/A top panel of at least 270mm mesh size (diamond mesh) or at least 140 mm^x mesh size (square mesh) shall be fitted.</u></p>
	<p>At least 80mm / ICES Division IVb south of 54° 30'N and ICES Division IVc / Directed fishing for sole with beam trawls or [Pulse trawls]. A panel with a mesh size of at least 180mm fitted in the upper half of the anterior part of the net shall be fitted.</p>	<p>Amendments 305 and 355</p> <p>At least 80mm / ICES Division IVb south of 54° 30'N and ICES Division IVc / Directed fishing for sole with beam trawls or [Pulse trawls]. A panel with a mesh size of at least 180mm fitted in the upper half of the anterior part of the net shall be fitted.</p>	<p>At least 80mm¹ / ICES Division IVb south of 54° 30'N and ICES Division IVc / Directed fishing for sole (15%) with beam trawls or [Pulse trawls]. A panel with a mesh size of at least 180mm fitted in the upper half of the anterior part of the net shall be fitted.</p> <p><u>Directed fishing for whiting, mackerel and species not subject to catch limits (combined 55%). A square mesh panel of at least 80mm shall be fitted.</u></p>	<p>At least 80mm¹ / ICES Division IVb south of 54° 30'N and ICES Division IVc / Directed fishing for sole with beam trawls or [Pulse trawls]. A panel with a mesh size of at least 180mm fitted in the upper half of the anterior part of the net shall be fitted.</p> <p><u>Directed fishing for whiting, mackerel and species not subject to catch limits. A square mesh panel of at least 80mm shall be fitted.</u></p>
	<p>At least 80mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> or species not covered by catch limits. A square mesh panel of at least 120mm or sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35mm or equivalent selectivity</p>		<p>At least 80mm / Whole areaNorth Sea / Directed fishing for <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> (20%) or species not covered by catch limits. A square mesh panel of at least 120mm or sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35mm</p>	<p>At least 80mm / Whole areaNorth Sea / Directed fishing for <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> or species not covered by catch limits. A square mesh panel of at least 120mm or sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35mm or equivalent selectivity</p>

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	device shall be fitted.		or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted. <u>Directed fishing for species not covered by catch limits (40%). A square mesh panel of at least 80mm shall be fitted.</u> <u>Directed fishing for skates and rays (70%).</u>	device shall be fitted. <u>Directed fishing for species not covered by catch limits. A square mesh panel of at least 80mm shall be fitted.</u> <u>Directed fishing for skates and rays.</u>
			<u>At least 80mm/ICES Division IVc/Directed fishing for sole (15%) using otter trawls^{xx}. A square mesh panel of at least 80mm shall be fitted.</u>	<u>At least 80mm/ICES Division IVc/Directed fishing for sole using otter trawls. A square mesh panel of at least 80mm shall be fitted.</u>
			<u>At least 70mm (square mesh) or 90mm (diamond mesh)/ Skagerrak and Kattegat/Directed fishing for <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> (30%). A sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35mm or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted.</u>	<u>At least 70mm (square mesh) or 90mm (diamond mesh)/ Skagerrak and Kattegat/Directed fishing for <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>. A sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 35mm or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted.</u>
		Amendment 208 Annex V – Part B – para. 1 – table – row 4 b (new) <u>At least 40mm/ Whole area / Directed fishing for squid (85 % of catches) (Lolignidae, Ommastrephidae).</u>	<u>At least 40mm/Whole area/ Directed fishing for squid (85%) (Lolignidae, Ommastrephidae)</u>	<u>At least 40mm/Whole area/ Directed fishing for squid (Lolignidae, Ommastrephidae)</u>

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	At least 32mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for <i>Pandalus borealis</i> . A sorting grid with a minimum maximum bar spacing of 19mm or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted.		At least 32mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for <i>Pandalus borealis</i> (50%) . A sorting grid with a minimum maximum bar spacing of 19mm or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted.	
	At least 16mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for small pelagic species. Directed fishing for Norway pout. A sorting grid with a bar spacing of 22mm in the Norway Pout fishery shall be fitted. Directed fishery for Crangon crangon A sorting grid, sieve net or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted.	Amendment 209 At least 16mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for small pelagic species (80 % of catches) . Directed fishing for Norway pout (50 % of catches) . A sorting grid with a bar spacing of 22 35 -mm in the Norway Pout fishery shall be fitted. Directed fishery for Crangon crangon A sorting grid, sieve net or equivalent selectivity device common shrimp and Aesop shrimp (90 % of catches). A selective net or a sorting grid shall be fitted in accordance with nationally agreed standards.	At least 16mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for small pelagic species (80%) . Directed fishing for Norway pout (50%) . A sorting grid with a maximum bar spacing of 22 35 mm in the Norway Pout fishery shall be fitted. <u>Directed fishing for common and Aesop shrimps (50%). A separator trawl or sorting grid must be fitted in accordance with nationally or regionally established rules. Directed fishery for Crangon crangon A sorting grid, sieve net or equivalent selectivity device shall be fitted.</u>	
	Less than 16mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for sandeel		Less than 16mm / Whole area / Directed fishing (90%) for sandeel	
	¹ In an area enclosed by a point on the East Coast of the UK between 55°N and 56°N and by straight lines joining these coordinates: a point on the east Coast of the UK at 55°N, 55°N 5°E, 56°N 5°E	¹ In an area enclosed by a point on the East Coast of the UK between 55°N and 56°N and by straight lines joining these coordinates: a point on the east Coast of the UK at 55°N, 55°N 5°E, 56°N 5°E ^{1a} <u>In the Kattegat subdivision, a square mesh panel of 120 mm shall be fitted (on the trawl</u>	¹ In an area enclosed by a point on the East Coast of the UK between 55°N and 56°N and by straight lines joining these coordinates: a point on the east Coast of the UK at 55°N, 55°N 5°E, 56°N 5°E ¹ Vessels shall be prohibited from using	

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		<p><u>between 1 October and 31 December and on the purse seine between 1 August and 31 October).</u></p>	<p><u>any beam trawl with a mesh size between 32 and 99mm north of a line joined by the following points by a point on the East Coast of the UK at latitude 55°N, then east to latitude 55°, longitude 5°E, then north to latitude 56°N and east to a point on the west Coast of Denmark at latitude 56°N. It is prohibited to use any beam trawl of mesh size range 32 to 119 mm within ICES Division IIa and that part of ICES Sub-area IV to the north of 56° 00' N.</u></p> <p>^y<u>In sub-division Kattegat, a square mesh panel of 120mm shall be fitted (on trawls in the period from 1 October to 31 December, and on seines in the period from 1 August to 31 October).</u></p> <p>^{xx} <u>The catch may consist of up to 10% of cod and haddock.</u></p>	
	<p>2. Baseline mesh sizes for static nets</p> <p>The following mesh sizes for static nets shall apply in the North Sea and Skagerrak/Kattegat:</p> <p>Mesh Size / Geographical Areas / Conditions</p>	<p>Amendment 210</p> <p>2. Baseline mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets</p> <p>Amendment 211</p> <p>The following mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets shall apply in the North Sea and Skagerrak/Kattegat:</p> <p>Mesh Size / Geographical Areas / Conditions</p>	<p>2. Baseline mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets</p> <p>The following mesh sizes for static nets and driftnets shall apply in the North Sea and Skagerrak/Kattegat as specified in the table below:</p> <p>Mesh Size / Geographical Areas / Conditions</p>	
	<p>At least 120mm / Whole area / None</p>			
			<p><u>At least 100mm/Whole area/ Directed fishing for haddock,</u></p>	

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			<u>whiting, dab and bass (70%)</u>	
	At least 100mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for sole or species not subject to catch limits		At least 90-100 mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for <u>sole flatfish</u> <u>(50%)</u> or species not subject to catch limits <u>(50%)</u>	
	At least 50mm / Whole area / Directed fishing for small pelagic species		At least 50mm / Whole area / Directed fishing <u>(80%)</u> for small pelagic species	
