## IFCO - MEOLEG1



Schedule of legislation enforceable by Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officers (IFCO), cross-warranted by the Marine Management Organisation, as limited Marine Enforcement Officers (MEO), under section 235(1)(a) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

- 1.1 Enforceable EU restrictions and enforceable EU obligations relating to sea fishing <sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 Appointed officers have full MEO powers, but are restricted to enforcing the legislation specified within this schedule and can only exercise MEO enforcement powers within the jurisdiction specified in the Counterparts to their warrant.

| Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters. | Subject matter   |
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| Article 10  | Prohibition of catches of European seabass in certain fisheries, including recreational fisheries, and exemptions thereto. |

## 2.1 Enforceable UK Legislation

For the purpose of enforcing the legislation below, Officers have limited MEO powers under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c23) in that they may only exercise powers under Sections 255 and 256 of that Act.

| Fisheries Act 2020 | Subject matter   |
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| Section 16         | Foreign fishing boats required to be licensed if within British fishery limits |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (1) O.J No L25/1 30.1.2020 p. From 11pm on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 references to enforceable EU restrictions and enforceable EU obligations are to be read as references to those restrictions and obligations as they form part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and can be found here: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/2020/123