

# LICENCE TO FISH IN UNITED KINGDOM WATERS – NORWAY VESSEL – ATLANTIC MACKEREL (MAC)

## **PART 2: CONDITIONS**

### **Definitions and matters of general application:**

In this licence:

‘British fishery limits’ has the same meaning as in Section 1 of the Fishery Limits Act 1976;

‘Northern Ireland zone’ has the same meaning as in the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c.47) (see section 98 (1) and (8) of that Act);

‘Scottish zone’ has the same meaning as in the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46) (see section 126 (1) and (2) of that Act);

‘Welsh zone’ has the same meaning as in the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32) (see section 158 (1) and (3) of that Act);

‘English zone’ means the sea within British fishery limits other than the Scottish zone, the Northern Ireland zone, the Welsh zone.

‘relevant United Kingdom fisheries authority’ means, in the Scottish zone, the Scottish Ministers, in the Welsh zone the Welsh ministers, in the Northern Ireland zone the Department of Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs for Northern Ireland and in the English zone, the Marine Management Organisation;

‘Single Issuing Authority’ means the Marine Management Organisation, operating as the UK Single Issuing Authority for sea fishing licensing;

‘the UK licences and notices regulations’ means the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2011, the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2019, the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and the Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) (England) Regulation 2012;

‘the vessel’ means the vessel in respect of which this licence is granted.

Where a condition of this licence requires the vessel to notify the United Kingdom Fisheries Monitoring Centre (**UKFMC**) the master, owner or (where appropriate) the charterer of the vessel must do so:

- o by telephone or marine radio on 0044 131 244 2286;
- o by email to UKFMC@gov.scot inserting the relevant subject heading in the subject box.

Unless otherwise stated, reference in this licence to EU, Council or Commission Regulations shall be read as reference to those Regulations as they form part of retained EU law which, by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, forms part of UK domestic law and as may subsequently be amended from time to time.

The vessel must comply with all the law applicable in the relevant UK zone in which the vessel is operating.

Where a condition of this licence refers to an area that is closed or in which restrictions on fishing activities apply, the condition refers only to those parts of that area which fall within British fishery limits.

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The conditions in this licence variation are supplementary to Part 2 of the vessel's UK foreign vessel licence.

## 1. **LICENCE CONDITIONS THAT APPLY IN BRITISH FISHERY LIMITS**

- 1.1. The vessel may only fish in those parts of British fishery limits which are set out in section 3 of Part 1 and subject to the conditions set out herein, together with any specific fishing authorisations and associated conditions issued to the vessel.
- 1.2. The vessel must be registered as a fishing vessel and hold a valid fishing licence issued by its flag state. If at any time following the issue of this licence the vessel ceases to hold a valid fishing licence issued by its flag state, this licence shall immediately cease to be valid.
- 1.3. This licence shall cease to be valid if any of the details for the vessel as referred to in Part 1 and to which this licence relates are incorrect.
- 1.4. This licence may be revoked, suspended or varied at any time, by a notice communicated in accordance with the UK licence and notices regulations.
- 1.5. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the UK licence and notices regulations, notices relating to the revocation, suspension or variation of this licence will be published on the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website at the following URL address:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/united-kingdom-single-issuing-authority-uksia>

It is the responsibility of the vessel owner, and the master or, where appropriate, charterer of the vessel, to ensure that they are aware of the licence conditions and any variations to them, as made from time to time.

- 1.6. A copy of this licence must be carried on board the vessel and produced to a British Sea Fishery Officer or Marine Enforcement Officer on demand. This condition may be fulfilled by production of a copy in electronic format.
- 1.7. At all times, the vessel must comply with the law of the United Kingdom legislation relating to sea fishing, including EU law as it has been retained into UK law under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, applicable in that part of British fishery limits in which the vessel is operating, as well as any flag state or European Union legislation applicable to the vessel whilst operating in United Kingdom waters.
- 1.8. In the event that flag state legislation applicable to the vessel whilst it is operating in United Kingdom waters conflicts with United Kingdom laws, United Kingdom legislation shall have supremacy.
- 1.9. At all times when operating within British fishery limits, the vessel must comply with the following provisions of retained EU legislation in the same way as they apply to United Kingdom vessels:
  - 1.9.1. The following provisions of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures (Retained EU legislation):

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- Annex V, Part C, Point 6.2 (prohibition on directed fishing for deepwater sharks in ICES divisions 3a and 4a in charted depths of less than 600 m).
  - Annex VI, Part C, Point 9.2 (prohibition on directed fishing for deepwater sharks in ICES divisions 5b, 6a, 6b, 7b, 7c, 7h, 7j and 7k in charted depths of less than 600 m).
  - Annex VII, Part C, Point 4.2 (prohibition on directed fishing for deepwater sharks in ICES subareas 8, 9, 10, and 12 east of 27° W in charted depths of less than 600 m).
- 1.9.2. The following provisions of Council Regulation (EC) 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy (Retained EU legislation):
- Article 15 (1) and (2) (electronic completion and transmission of fishing logbook data). References in those articles to a fisheries administration are to be read as references to the competent authorities of the flag state of the vessel.
  - Article 17 (1) (prior notification). References in that article to a fisheries administration are to be read as references to the competent authorities of the flag state of the vessel.
  - Article 20 (3) (Transshipment operations).
  - Article 21 (Completion and submission of the transshipment declaration).
  - Article 22 (Electronic completion and transmission of transshipment declaration data).
  - Article 23 (Completion and submission of the landing declaration).
  - Article 24 (Electronic completion and transmission of landing declaration data).
  - Article 44 (Separate stowage of demersal catches subject to multiannual plans).
  - Article 48 (Retrieval of lost gear).
  - Article 49 (Catch composition).
  - Article 49a (Separate stowage of catches below the minimum conservation reference sizes).
- 1.9.3. The following provisions of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 of 8 April 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy (Retained EU Legislation):
- Article 6 (Marking of fishing vessels).
  - Article 7 (Documents carried on board a fishing vessel).
  - Article 8 (Marking of crafts and fish aggregating devices).
  - Articles 9 to 12 (General rules for passive gear and beam trawls).

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- Articles 13 to 17 (Rules for buoys and cords).
  - Article 20 (Responsibilities of the masters concerning the satellite-tracking devices).
  - Article 29 (Rules for fishing vessels subject to the completion and submission of a fishing logbook and transshipment / landing declaration in paper format).
  - Article 49 (Conversion factors).
- 1.9.4. The following provision of Council Regulation (EC) No 1984/2003 of 8 April 2003 introducing a system for the statistical monitoring of trade in swordfish and bigeye tuna within the Community (Retained EU Legislation):
- Article 5 (Statistical document for exportation).
- 1.9.5. The following provision of Council Regulation (EC) No 1185/2003 of 26 June 2003 on the removal of fins of sharks on board vessels (Retained EU Legislation):
- Article 3 (Prohibitions).
- 1.9.6. The following provision of Commission Regulation (EC) No 494/2002 of 19 March 2002 establishing additional technical measures for the recovery of the stock of hake in ICES subareas 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and ICES divisions 8 a, b, d, e (Retained EU Legislation):
- Article 2

### 2. **PERMITTED CATCHES**

- 2.1. The vessel shall not retain on board, land or trans-ship any sea fish of the descriptions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 3: Annex to this licence in the sea areas listed therein. Any sea fish so caught must be returned to the sea immediately.
- 2.2. The vessel must not retain on board, land or trans-ship fish taken in accordance with this licence in excess of the amounts specified in relation to each such species in paragraph 2 of Part 3: Annex of this licence.

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### 3. CONDITIONS FOR NORWAY VESSELS FISHING ATLANTIC MACKEREL WITHIN BRITISH FISHERY LIMITS

Notifications to UKFMC should be made via email (UKFMC@gov.scot). Vessels unable to email may contact the UKFMC via telephone (+44 131 244 2286). These notifications are in addition to the routine COE and COX reports that must be sent via the vessels' electronic logbooks, as per Part 2 of the vessel's UK foreign vessel licence.

3.1. The master of a vessel intending to fish in British Fishery Limits for Atlantic mackerel shall send a catch on entry (COE) report to the UKFMC at least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas specified in condition 3.3, upon entering British Fishery Limits.

3.1.1. The notification in condition 3.1 shall contain the following information:

- a) Subject heading: NOTIFICATION OF CATCH ON ENTRY (NORWAY VESSEL – MACKEREL)
- b) International Radio Call Sign (IRCS)
- c) Name of vessel
- d) External registration number
- e) The name of the Master of the vessel
- f) Directed species
- g) Type of fishing gear
- h) Total catch on board by species in kilogrammes (kg) live weight
- i) Predicted position of entry in latitude and longitude
- j) Predicted date and time (UTC) of entry in the format dd-mm-yyyy hh:mm
- k) The control area, specified in section 3.3, through which the vessel will enter UK waters.

3.2. The master shall send a Catch on Exit (COX) report to the UKFMC at least four hours prior to entering one of the control areas, specified in condition 3.3, upon intention to leave British Fishery Limits.

3.2.1. The notification in condition 3.2 shall contain the following information:

- a) Subject heading: NOTIFICATION OF CATCH ON EXIT (NORWAY VESSEL – MACKEREL)
- b) International Radio Call Sign (IRCS)
- c) Name of vessel
- d) External registration number
- e) The name of the Master of the vessel
- f) Directed species
- g) Type of fishing gear
- h) Total catch on board by species in kilogrammes (kg) live weight

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- i) Predicted position of entry in latitude and longitude
- j) Predicted date and time (UTC) of entry in the format dd-mm-yyyy  
hh:mm
- k) The control area, specified in section 3.3, through which the vessel will leave UK waters.

3.3. The Master shall ensure their vessel only enters, if applicable, or leaves British Fishery Limits after passing through one of the following control areas:

<b>ICES rectangle</b>	<b>ICES division</b>	<b>Mackerel control area</b>
48 E2	6a	MACA
45 E3	6a	MACB
49 F1	4a	MACC
48 E8	4a	MACD
49 E8	4a	MACE
50 E8	4a	MACF
48 E6	4a	MACG
46 E9	4a	MACH
47 F1	4a	MACI
51 F1	4a	MACJ

3.4. The master shall ensure their vessel does not leave the control area, as specified in condition 3.3, or commence fishing until they have received acknowledgement from UKFMC of their notification, and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection, either at sea or in a port as requested by the competent authority. Each acknowledgement shall have a unique authorisation number, which the master shall retain until the vessel leaves UK waters.

3.5. If the vessel is entering British Fishery Limits for the purposes of fishing mackerel with no fish on board, then the vessel shall be exempt from the requirements under paragraph 3.1.

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## PART 3: ANNEX

### 1. PROHIBITED SPECIES

The vessel shall not retain on board, land or trans-ship any sea fish of the descriptions set out in paragraph 1 of Part 3 to the vessel's UK foreign vessel licence in the sea areas listed therein, subject to any amendment or addition in the table below.

Description of Sea Fish	Areas of Sea
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### 2. SPECIES FOR WHICH YOU MAY NOT FISH

The vessel shall not retain on board, land or trans-ship any sea fish of the descriptions set out in paragraph 2 of Part 3 to the vessel's UK foreign vessel licence in the sea areas listed therein, subject to any amendment or addition in the table below.

Description of Sea Fish	Areas of Sea
Atlantic mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	United Kingdom waters of ICES division 4a  Applicable 15 February to 31 July, inclusive.

### 3. SPECIES FOR WHICH YOU MAY FISH IN LIMITED QUANTITIES

Description of Sea Fish	Areas of Sea
Atlantic mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	United Kingdom waters of ICES subareas 2, 5, 6, 7,8 and divisions 4b and 4c
Atlantic mackerel ( <i>Scomber scombrus</i> )	United Kingdom waters of ICES division 4a  Applicable 1 August to 14 February, inclusive.