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1. This determination sets fishing opportunities for British fishing boats for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks. These include:
 - a) the maximum quantity of sea fish (quota) that may be caught by British fishing boats; and
 - b) the maximum number of days that British fishing boats may spend at sea.
2. This determination sets fishing opportunities for certain stocks that may be caught by British fishing boats in United Kingdom ("UK"), European Union, Norwegian, Svalbard, Faroese and international waters.
3. The Secretary of State has made this determination under section 23 of the Fisheries Act 2020 for the purpose of complying with the UK's international obligations to determine the UK's fishing opportunities, including under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
4. Unless otherwise stated, this determination sets British fishing opportunities from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 inclusive. This determination withdraws and revokes any fishing opportunities for that period for the stocks listed below that have previously been determined for British fishing boats, and which have not otherwise expired.
5. This document constitutes the notice required by section 24(2) of the Fisheries Act 2020. A summary document of current fishing opportunities as set by Secretary of State determinations can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/fishing-opportunities-for-british-fishing-boats-summary-of-current-determinations.

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Code; Species and common name; ICES areas	United Kingdom quota (tonnes)	Conditions
<p>HER/4AB.</p> <p>Herring (North Sea)</p> <p><i>Clupea harengus</i></p> <p>United Kingdom, European Union and Norwegian waters of 4 north of 53° 30' N</p>	75,257	<p>1. Catches of herring taken in fisheries using nets with mesh sizes equal to or larger than 32 mm.</p>

