Cabo Verde: new fish quotas for 2026–2027

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/507 granting Cabo Verde a temporary derogation from the rules on preferential origin laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446, in respect of prepared or preserved fillets of tuna and tuna loins (raw, cooked and frozen), prepared or preserved mackerel fillets and prepared or preserved frigate tuna or frigate mackerel fillets

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has prolonged the temporary derogation (exception) from the EU's preferential origin rules for certain processed fish products granted to Cabo Verde. This allows tuna, mackerel, and frigate tuna or frigate mackerel products processed in Cabo Verde from fish caught elsewhere to continue benefiting from preferential access to the EU market. Compared with the previous arrangement, the quota for tuna products has increased, while quotas for mackerel and frigate tuna products remain unchanged. The new quotas for 2026 and 2027 are set at:

- 5,000 tonnes for prepared or preserved tuna fillets and tuna loins
- 3,000 tonnes for prepared or preserved mackerel fillets
- 1,000 tonnes for prepared frigate tuna or frigate mackerel fillets.

Cabo Verde requested to extend the derogation to support its fish processing industry, which depends on imported fish. Cabo Verde has limited domestic catches due to short fishing seasons and restricted fishing opportunities, and its processing sector has greater capacity than can be supplied by local catches.

Timeline

The revised quantities apply only to the quota period **1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027**.

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