

Control and inspection of Indian Ocean tuna fisheries

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Commission strengthens control and inspection of EU tropical tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) [2023/2376](#) of 22 September 2023 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1986 establishing specific control and inspection programmes for certain fisheries

Update

The European Commission is strengthening control of EU vessels operating in the purse seine fisheries in the Indian Ocean.

Impacted products

tuna

What is changing?

The Commission has decided to establish a specific control and inspection programme for its tropical tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean in order to strengthen control of vessels of Member States that conduct purse seine fisheries under the auspices of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

Why?

The geographical scope of control and inspection of the fishing activities of the EU fishing fleet includes its activities in non-EU waters.

Timeline

This Decision took effect on 5 October 2023.

Background

In accordance with Regulation [1224/2009](#), the EU adopted specific control and inspection programmes for specific fisheries and sea basins, based on the assessment of possible risks of non-compliance with the rules of the [Common Fisheries Policy](#), carried out in accordance with Article 5 of Decision [2018/1986](#). These programmes are implemented by Member States, and through joint deployment plans with the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA).

The risk assessment must include vessels flying the flag of EU Member States that operate in the purse seine fisheries under the auspices of the IOTC.

Resources

Regulation [1380/2013](#) on the Common Fisheries Policy

Council Regulation [1224/2009](#) establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy

Sources

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