

EU measures against unsustainable fishing by non-EU countries

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[Proposal](#) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1026/2012 on certain measures for the purpose of the conservation of fish stocks in relation to countries allowing non-sustainable fishing

What is changing and why?

The proposal clarifies in which circumstances countries can be identified as allowing unsustainable fishing. The failure to engage in meaningful discussions about adopting the necessary fishery management measures, and make substantial efforts to reach agreement, can be considered a “failure to cooperate”. The proposal also gives examples of failure to cooperate. A country that does not implement the necessary fishery management measures, including control measures that ensure the conservation and management of stocks of common interest, can be considered as allowing non-sustainable fishing.

The proposed changes aim to provide clearer guidelines for non-EU countries so that they are aware of the conditions under which their fishing practices could lead to restrictive measures and sanctions by the EU. These can include import bans. The proposal also aims to ensure fair competition between operators in the EU and non-EU countries ([Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries 2024](#)).

Timeline

The Commission proposed this revision on 13 September 2024. It has been transmitted to the European Parliament and the Council for discussion.

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