

REGULATIONS AMENDING THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO FISHING BY VESSELS FLYING THE RUSSIAN FLAG IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF NORWAY AND IN THE FISHERIES ZONE AROUND JAN MAYEN IN 2011

On 30 June 2011, under sections 4 and 6 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway, cf section 14 of the Regulations of 13 May 1977 relating to fishing and hunting operations by foreign nationals in the Economic Zone of Norway and section 4 of Royal Decree of 23 May 1980 No. 4 relating to the establishment of a fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs decided as follows:

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Section 2, first paragraph, b) (amended), shall read as follows:

b) 35 000 tonnes North-East Arctic haddock,

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These regulations enter into force immediately.

The amended regulations read as follows:

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On 9 December 2010, under sections 4 and 6 of Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway, cf section 14 of the Regulations of 13 May 1977 relating to fishing and hunting operations by foreign nationals in the Economic Zone of Norway, section 4 of Royal Decree of 23 May 1980 No. 4 relating to the establishment of a fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, and the Ministry of Fisheries' decision of 16 October 2001 No. 4686 on delegation of authority, the Directorate of Fisheries adopted the following regulations:

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. General prohibition

It is prohibited for vessels flying the Russian flag to engage in fishing or hunting operations in the Economic Zone of Norway and in the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen between 12 and 200 nautical miles from the baselines.

CHAPTER 2. FISHING IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF NORWAY NORTH OF 62°N

Section 2. Quotas north of 62°N

Notwithstanding the prohibition of section 1, vessels flying the Russian flag are permitted to catch the following quantities of fish in the Economic Zone of Norway north of 62°N between 12 and 200 nautical miles from the baselines:

- a) 140 000 tonnes North-East Arctic cod,
- b) 35 000 tonnes North-East Arctic haddock,
- c) 100 000 tonnes capelin,
- d) 6 750 tonnes Greenland halibut,
- e) 3 500 tonnes redfish (*Sebastes marinus* and *S. mentella*) as a bycatch,
- f) 15 000 tonnes saithe,
- g) 4 500 tonnes wolf-fish,
- h) 141 661 tonnes Norwegian spring-spawning herring. This quota may also be fished in the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen,
- i) 3 000 tonnes other fish species as a bycatch. This quota applies only to species that are not subject to regulation by quotas, and may only be taken as a bycatch during fishing for species that are subject to regulation by quotas.

The Directorate of Fisheries may close the fishery when it is calculated that the quantities listed in a) to i) above have been caught.

Section 3. Fishing for saithe

Up to 8 000 tonnes of the saithe quota set out in section 2 f) may be taken when fishing specifically for saithe. The remaining quantity may only be taken as a bycatch during fishing operations for cod and haddock, and as a bycatch of up to 5% in each individual catch during fishing for herring.

Section 4. Bycatches of redfish

During fishing for other species it is permitted to take up to 15% by weight of redfish (*Sebastes marinus* and *S. mentella*) as a bycatch in each catch and in the catch landed.

Section 5. Prohibition against fishing with large-meshed trawls and against fishing for greater argentine and blue whiting with small-meshed trawls

It is prohibited to fish with large-meshed trawls (130mm) and to fish for greater argentine and blue whiting with small-meshed trawls in the Economic Zone of Norway in an area delimited by straight lines through the following coordinates:

1. 66° 30' N 06° 59' E
2. 66° 21' N 06° 44' E
3. 65° 43' N 06° 00' E
4. 65° 20' N 06° 00' E
5. 65° 20' N 05° 30' E
6. 66° 00' N 05° 30' E
7. 66° 30' N 06° 34.27' E
8. 67° 10' N 08° 00' E
9. 67° 10' N 08° 35' E
10. 67° 00' N 08° 18' E
11. 66° 50' N 08° 09' E and from there a straight line to point 1.

It is prohibited to fish with large-meshed trawls (120 mm) and to fish for greater argentine and blue whiting with small-meshed trawls in the Economic Zone of Norway in an area delimited by straight lines through the following coordinates:

1. 62° 36' N 03° 00' E
2. 62° 10' N 01° 15' E (at the outer limit of the Economic Zone of Norway)
3. 62° 40' N 00° 52' E (at the outer limit of the Economic Zone of Norway)
4. 63° 00' N 03° 00' E and from there a straight line to position 1.

Section 6. Fishing for capelin

It is prohibited to fish capelin north of 74°N.

CHAPTER 3. FISHING FOR BLUE WHITING IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF NORWAY NORTH OF 62°N AND IN THE FISHERIES ZONE AROUND JAN MAYEN

Section 7. Quotas and restrictions on fishing areas

Notwithstanding the prohibition of section 1, vessels flying the Russian flag are permitted to catch 698 tonnes of blue whiting in an area in the Economic Zone of Norway and in the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen between 12 and 200 nautical miles from the baselines, west of straight lines drawn through the following coordinates:

1. 73° 30' N 15° 00' E
2. 73° 00' N 14° 40' E
3. 72° 30' N 14° 40' E
4. 71° 45' N 15° 10' E
5. 71° 00' N 16° 54' E
6. 70° 14' N 16° 58' E
7. 69° 33' N 15° 32' E
8. 69° 09' N 13° 37' E
9. 68° 45' N 11° 20' E
10. 67° 40' N 09° 27' E
11. 67° 20' N 08° 40' E
12. 67° 05' N 08° 00' E
13. 66° 15' N 05° 40' E
14. 64° 10' N 05° 40' E
15. 63° 15' N 05° 00' E
16. 62° 40' N 03° 00' E
17. 62° 00' N 02° 00' E

Section 8. Bycatches of mackerel

During fishing for blue whiting, a bycatch of mackerel of up to 10% by weight is permitted in individual catches.

CHAPTER 4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 9. Calculation of catch quantities

All catch quantities shall be calculated as live weight.

Section 10. Penalties and confiscation

Any person who wilfully or negligently contravenes provisions set out in these regulations is subject to a penalty and confiscation under sections 8 and 9 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway. Complicity or an attempt to contravene the said provisions is subject to the same penalty.

Section 11. Entry into force

These regulations enter into force on 1 January 2011 and apply up to and including 31 December 2011.