

**Technical Annexes to the Agreed Record of Consultations on Fisheries
between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Faroe Islands**

Introduction

Article 5 of the Framework Agreement on Fisheries between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Faroe Islands of 29 October 2020 (referred to in the Technical Annexes as “the Framework Agreement”) provides that:

2. The Contracting Parties may agree on arrangements for operational cooperation necessary for the proper functioning or implementation of this Agreement, dealing in particular with:
 - (a) the licensing of vessels flying the flag of one Contracting Party when fishing in the other Contracting Party’s area of fisheries jurisdiction, including the exchange of data relating to such vessels;
 - (b) monitoring, control, and surveillance of fisheries to ensure compliance with conservation and management measures.
3. Arrangements agreed pursuant to this Article may take the form of protocols and guidance documents.

Accordingly, the Technical Annexes to the Agreed Record of Consultations on Fisheries between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Faroe Islands for 2025 (referred to in the Technical Annexes as “the Agreed Record”) record the understandings reached between the Parties on the following matters for 2025:

- Annex 1: Licensing arrangements
- Annex 2: Arrangements for the electronic exchange of licensing data
- Annex 3: Arrangements for the exchange of fleet registers
- Annex 4: Arrangements in respect of electronic exchange of catch and activity data
- Annex 5: Satellite tracking of fishing vessels (Vessel Monitoring System – VMS)
- Annex 6: Catch Statistics
- Annex 7: Real Time Closures

In the Technical Annexes:

- i) references to a “Party” are references to a Contracting Party to the Framework Agreement;
- ii) references to the waters of a Party, however expressed, are references to the Party’s area of fisheries jurisdiction as defined in Article 2(3) of the Framework Agreement.

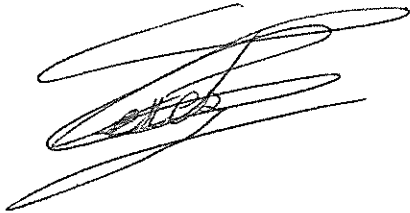
iii) references to licences are:

- (a) authorisations by the placing of vessels on the licence list by Vørn acting on behalf of the Ministry of Fisheries in Tórshavn, for the Faroe Islands' waters
- (b) licences issued by the UK SIA, for UK waters
- (c) regulations under Faroese or UK legislation

In dealing with information in connection with these Annexes, each Party will comply with their own applicable rules and regulations concerning the protection of data.

These Annexes will have effect from the date the Agreed Record of the Bilateral Agreement is signed to 31 December 2025 unless the intention that any provision will have effect before the date the agreed record is signed is specifically indicated.

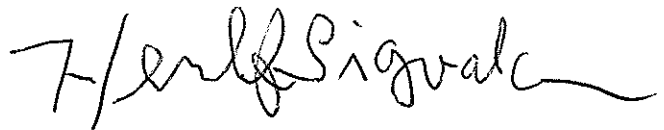
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Annex 1: Licensing arrangements

This Annex sets out the types of activity that will be licensed and any licence limitations.

1. General rules

- 1.1. All UK vessels fishing in Faroese waters will be on the licence list issued by the appropriate licensing authority, Vørn authorising vessels on behalf of the Ministry of Fisheries in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands.
- 1.2. All Faroese vessels fishing in UK waters will possess a licence issued by the appropriate licensing authority, The UK Single Issuing Authority (UKSIA), licensing vessels on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, and the Northern Ireland Executive.
- 1.3. The vessels of one Party will comply with any non-discriminatory area closures decided by the other Party.
- 1.4. Licences issued by one Party to a vessel of the other Party, and their associated conditions, will be kept on board that vessel when fishing in the issuing Party's waters and produced to an enforcement officer of that Party on demand. Electronic versions will be sufficient.

2. Publication of licence conditions

- 2.1. The UK will publish the conditions¹ that apply to vessels licensed to fish in UK waters and the list of UK vessels and Faroese vessels holding licences at www.gov.uk/guidance/united-kingdom-single-issuing-authority-uksia
- 2.2. Conditions that apply to vessels licensed to fish in Faroese waters can be found in the Faroese Law Gazette database www.kunngerdaportalur.fo
 - 2.2.1. Vørn will publish the licence list on <https://hagtol.vorn.fo/fvePortal.exe/foreignlicens>

3. Change of licence or authorisation conditions

- 3.1. Where one Party's usage of an agreed fishing opportunity approaches 100%, the Party or Parties issuing licences or authorisations for the waters in which the usage has been

¹ Licence conditions will not come into effect until at least 24 hours after publication.

reached may amend a licence or authorisation to reflect a change in or limiting or closure of that particular or an associated fishery.

3.2. When one Party issues a licence or authorisation change for the other Party's vessels, the issuing Party will send a notification to the other Party and the masters of its vessels with at least 24 hours' notice of the change coming into effect.

3.2.1. Where a licence or authorisation change is for a Real Time Closure procedures will follow that of Annex 7.

3.2.2. When notifying the Party by email the issuing authority will email:

3.2.2.1. For the UK: uksia@marinemanagement.org.uk

3.2.2.2. For Faroe Islands: fmc@vorn.fo and vorn@vorn.fo

4. Licensing of Third-Party vessels in The Special Area

4.1. This paragraph covers arrangements for Third-Party (non-UK and non-Faroe Islands) vessels fishing within the Special Area. The Special Area as defined in the agreement on Maritime Delimitation in the area between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom, signed in Tórshavn on 18th May 1999 concerning the exercise of fisheries jurisdiction by the Contracting Parties.

4.2. The list of Third-Party vessels licensed by one Party to fish in the Special Area will be made available to the other Party prior to those vessels entering the Special Area.

Annex 2: Arrangements for the electronic exchange of licensing data

An interim solution for licensing data exchange for the period covered by the Agreed Record is set out in this Annex. During this period, the Parties will continue to develop electronic exchange procedures.

1. Licensing Authorities

1.1. For the purposes of this Annex:

1.1.1. The "licensing authority" will be:

- i) Vørn acting on behalf of the Ministry of Fisheries in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands, for vessels fishing in Faroe Islands' waters;
- ii) The UK Single Issuing Authority (UKSIA), acting on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, and the Northern Ireland Executive, for vessels fishing in UK waters.

1.1.2. The "flag authority" will be:

- i) Vørn in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands for vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands;
- ii) The UK SIA for vessels flying the flag of the UK.

2. Procedure for licensing of fishing vessels

- 2.1. The flag authority will submit an application to the licensing authority for each individual vessel requesting to be licensed. The application will contain the information set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2. The licensing authority will respond as soon as reasonably practicable to a licence application, indicating whether a licence has been granted or rejected. If a licence application is rejected, the reason for rejection will be provided.
- 2.3. If the flag authority becomes aware that a vessel is not or is no longer eligible to fish under a licence that has been applied for or granted, the flag authority will notify the licensing authority without delay.
- 2.4. If there are any changes to the details provided in Appendix 1, the existing licence will be withdrawn and without delay the flag authority will send a new application to the licensing authority if the conditions for eligibility are still met.

- 2.5. The licensing authority may refuse, suspend, or withdraw a licence where a fundamental change of circumstances has occurred, or in cases of a serious threat to the sustainable exploitation, management, conservation of marine biological resources, or where it is essential in order to prevent or suppress illegal, unreported or unregulated (“IUU”) fishing, including serious non-compliance with the rules in their waters.
- 2.6. Unless otherwise withdrawn, the Parties will ensure that a licence issued in accordance with this Annex will expire when the Agreed Record ceases to have effect on 31 of December 2025.
- 2.7. The licence applications and decisions will be communicated in accordance with paragraph 4.

3. Additional procedures for the licensing of fishing vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands

- 3.1. In addition to the exchange and communication of data between the licensing authorities at paragraph 2, the UK SIA will issue an electronic licence directly to a vessel owner by email using the email address provided.
- 3.2. Licences issued electronically by the UK SIA will come into effect no sooner than 24 hours after they have been communicated to the vessel owner.

4. Communication of licence data

- 4.1. Communication of the data between the licensing authorities at paragraph 1 will be contained in a Microsoft Excel/CSV file or similar.
- 4.2. The file will be exchanged via secure email communication between the addresses below:
 - i) For the UK: uksia@marinemanagement.org.uk
 - ii) For Faroe Islands: fmc@vorn.fo and vorn@vorn.fo
- 4.3. The licensing authority will confirm receipt of the licensing data.

5. Contacts

UK	Faroe Islands
UK Single Issuing Authority (UKSIA) Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Lancaster House Newcastle NE4 7YH United Kingdom Tel: 00 44 (0) 208 026 5062 Email: uksia@marinemanagement.org.uk	Vørn Yviri við Strond 3 PO Box 1238 FO-110 Tórshavn Faroe Islands Tel: 00298 31 10 65 Email: fmc@vorn.fo and vorn@vorn.fo

Appendix 1

Format to be used for licence application data exchange for vessels of both parties.

Data Element	Mandatory / Optional (M/O)	Comments
Owner details		
Name(s) of the owners	M	
Email	M	Free text standard format <u>name@domain.com</u>
Address	M	6 address field occurrences, 5 for address and 1 for Postcode
Telephone number	M	
Vessel details		
Vessel email	M	Free text standard format <u>name@domain.com</u>
Vessel telephone number	M	
Flag State	M	ISO alpha-3 country code
Vessel name	M	
IMO Number	M	Mandatory for vessels 12m and over
External markings	M	
IRCS	M	International Radio Call Sign
Length (Overall length)	M	LOA (m)
Tonnage	M	GT
Power	M	kW
Gear type 1	M	FAO gear codes, other gears may also be used
Gear type 2	M / O if no Gear 2	FAO gear codes, other gears may also be used

Annex 3: Arrangements for the exchange of fleet registers

This Annex sets out the arrangements for the electronic exchange of fleet register data between the Faroe Islands and the UK. The fleet register is important for the application of VMS (see Annex 5).

1. Scope and Fleet List Publishing

1.1. The fleet register will comprise data on Faroese and UK vessels 12 metres and above.

1.1.1. Aside from these notifications the registered Faroese Fleet is published at www.teyggjan.fo

1.1.2. Aside from these notifications the UKSIA publishes the list of UK vessels with external waters licences at www.gov.uk/guidance/united-kingdom-single-issuing-authority-uksia

2. Procedure for Exchange of Fleet Registers

2.1. For the purposes of this Annex the authorities for the exchange of fleet registers will be:

- i) Faroe Islands: Ministry of Fisheries in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands.
- ii) United Kingdom: The Centre of Aquaculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) on behalf of the United Kingdom fisheries administrations.

2.2. Parties will share a vessel list comprising of vessels licensed in the other Party's waters and this list will be contained in a Microsoft Excel/CSV file or a suitable format noted in Appendix 1.

2.2.1. The lists will be submitted via email communication between the addresses below:

- i) For the UK: atoperations@cefasc.gov.uk
- ii) For Faroe Islands: fmc@vorn.fo and vorn@vorn.fo

2.2.2. The receiving authority will confirm receipt of the list.

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1. A Microsoft Excel/CSV or suitable format document will be used for the exchange of vessel information. Each vessel will be listed in a separate row with the following elements provided:

Element column headings	Units or format
Country of Registration	ISO alpha-3 country code
UVI	Unique vessel identifier
Event	CEN Census CST New construction IMP Importation, transfer CHA Change of activity (entry) MOD Modification DES Destruction, wreck EXP Exportation, transfer RET Change of activity (exit)
Event Start Date	DD/MM/YYYY
Event End Date	DD/MM/YYYY
Registration Number	
External marking	
Name of vessel	
Place of registration	
ICRS	International Radio Call Sign
IRCS indicator	Y/N
Licence indicator	Y/N
VMS indicator	Y/N
ERS indicator	Y/N
AIS indicator	Y/N
Vessel Type	
Main fishing gear	FAO Gear Code
Subsidiary fishing gear 1	FAO Gear Code
Subsidiary fishing gear 2	FAO Gear Code
Subsidiary fishing gear 3	FAO Gear Code
Subsidiary fishing gear 4	FAO Gear Code
Subsidiary fishing gear 5	FAO Gear Code
LOA	(Length overall) m
LBP	(Length between perpendicular) m
Tonnage GT	kg (tonnes)
Power of main engine	Kw
Power of auxiliary engine	Kw
Date of entry into service	DD/MM/YYYY
Country of importation/exportation	ISO alpha-3 country code
Public aid	PA/Leave blank

Element column headings	Units or format
Year of construction	01/01/YYYY

Annex 4: Arrangements in respect of electronic exchange of catch and activity data

This Annex sets out the technical arrangements relating to the exchange of catch and activity data.

1. Common principles when exchanging data between fisheries monitoring centres (FMCs)

1.1. All reports outlined in

1.2. Appendix 1

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2. Provisions:

2.1 Prior to entering the Special Area, the master of a vessel licensed to fish in United Kingdom and Faroese waters, shall e-mail a pre-catch on entry to both countries' FMC stating which fishing Authorisation the vessel is going to fish under. The e-mail must contain the information in the template for fishers below. This will be e-mailed to fmc@vorn.fo and UKFMC@gov.scot a minimum of 4 hours prior to entering the Special Area.

2.2 After sending the pre-catch on entry to both countries' FMC, the master will report catch on entry (COE), daily catch data (CAT) and catch on exit (COX) to the FMC whose Authorisation the vessel is/has been fishing under.

2.3 Catches will be counted against the fishing opportunities permitted by the country whose Authorisation the vessel is fishing under.

2.4 If the master of a vessel Authorised to fish in United Kingdom and Faroese waters intends to change from one country's Authorisation to the other while the vessel is in the special area, the master will e-mail a new pre-catch on entry to both countries' FMC stating which fishing Authorisation the vessel is going to fish under. This will be e-mailed to fmc@vorn.fo and UKFMC@gov.scot a minimum of 4 hours prior to changing licences. When the vessel ends its fishery on one licence, the master will send a COX to the FMC whose Authority the vessel was fishing under, and COE to the FMC whose licence it is now fishing under.

2.5 If the master of a vessel Authorised to fish in United Kingdom and Faroese waters enters the Special Area without sending a pre-catch on entry to both countries' FMC, FMCs should contact each other without contacting the vessel in the first instance.

2.6 If a vessel fishing under either a United Kingdom or the Faroe Islands licence moves into the Special Area and wishes to continue fishing under the same licence, then a new COE is not required. However, the vessel will confirm its intention to continue fishing under that licence via email to United Kingdom or the Faroe Islands FMC as appropriate.

2.7 The United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands FMCs will agree and advise the vessel of the time after which notifications to switch will take effect.

2.8 The United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands FMCs will conduct ad hoc checks electronically to ensure proper reporting from vessels fishing in the Special Area.

2.9 This is an interim arrangement until new Technical Annexes are signed.

Template for fishers:

Data Element	Code	Mandatory / Optional (M/O)	Comments
Predicted date	PD	M	estimated date UTC when the master intends to commence fishing (YYYYMMDD)
Predicted time	PT	M	estimated time UTC when the master intends to commence fishing (HHMM)
Name of Master	MA	M	Name of Master
Authorisation Declaration	AD	M	Destination code GBR or FRO confirming authorisation under which the vessel will fish
Radio Call sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
[IMO] Number	IM	M	
Vessel name	VN	M	

- 1.3. **Appendix 2** of this Annex will be forwarded by the master of a vessel to the coastal State FMC without undue delay.
- 1.4. Additional catch and activity data will be made available to the Parties by request.
- 1.5. The International radio call sign (IRCS) and International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Numbers will be the main identifiers of the vessel in the reports.
- 1.6. All recorded date and time elements in the reports should be given in UTC time.
- 1.7. The master of the vessel will include the to FMCs within each report specified in

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2.4 If the master of a vessel Authorised to fish in United Kingdom and Faroese waters intends to change from one country's Authorisation to the other while the vessel is in the special area, the master will e-mail a new pre-catch on entry to both countries' FMC stating which fishing Authorisation the vessel is going to fish under. This will be e-mailed to fmc@vorn.fo and UKFMC@gov.scot a minimum of 4 hours prior to changing licences. When the vessel ends its fishery on one licence, the master will send a COX to the FMC whose Authority the vessel was fishing under, and COE to the FMC whose licence it is now fishing under.

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Radio Call sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
[IMO] Number	IM	M	
Vessel name	VN	M	

1.9. Appendix 2.

1.10. The flag State will take responsibility to monitor the reporting of vessels carrying its flag operating in the waters of the other Party.

1.11. Responsibility of the master of fishing vessels regarding use of ERS. The master will:

1.11.1. Ensure that the Reporting System is fulfilling all demands required by this agreement and is functioning when entering the other Party's waters.

1.11.2. Ensure that all reports are submitted within given time limits.

2. Sending of electronic reports

2.1. Reports from Faroese vessels while fishing in UK waters, will be sent to the UK Fisheries Monitoring Centre ("UKFMC") via e-mail at UKFMC@gov.scot.

2.2. Reports from UK vessels while fishing in Faroese waters, will be sent to Faroe Islands Fisheries Monitoring Centre via e-mail at vakt@vorn.fo.

2.3. Contact points for the sending of Control Area reports can be found in Appendix 7.

3. Catch and activity reports:

3.1. All electronic reports required under this reporting scheme will be sent using the formats specified in Appendix 2. Appendices 3, 4, 5 and 6 detail Main Vessel Activities, Alpha-3 ISO Country Codes, Fish Presentation Codes and Fisheries Contact points, respectively. The master of a vessel going to fish in the other Party's waters will send the electronic reports one by one in accordance with time limits given in this Annex.

3.2. FMCs will submit a receipt of notification to masters on receiving a report.

3.3. The master of a vessel intending to fish in the other Party's waters will send a Catch on Entry (COE) report at the earliest six hours and at the latest two hours before crossing the border. This report may be cancelled or corrected.

3.3.1. When a Party receives a COE message from a master of a vessel, that Party's FMC may check their Automatic identification system (AIS) system to identify if the vessel's AIS is transmitting at a high enough power. If the FMC fails to identify the vessel on AIS, the Party may append to the receipt of COE report a request for the master of the vessel to increase the power of the AIS device.

3.4. The Catch and Activity (CAT) report for the previous days fishing will be sent every day before 12:00 UTC. The CAT report can be corrected. The CAT report will also be sent prior to an inspection at sea (if requested by the coastal State authorities).

- 3.5. The master shall send a Catch on Exit (COX) report at least four hours prior to the intention of leaving the waters of the other party. This report may be cancelled or corrected.
- 3.6. The Parties may after consultations decide on different time-limits than the above mentioned if this is found appropriate for management or control purposes for specific fisheries.

4. Conditions for vessels fishing for Demersal Stocks

- 4.1. Vessels with catch on board and with no catch on board may only commence their fishing activities after having received authorisation from the coastal State's FMC. Such vessels may be required by the coastal State's FMC to move to one of the Control Areas in Appendix 7.
- 4.2. On receiving the vessel's COE report the FMC will issue notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection at a Control Area.
- 4.3. The vessel will not commence fishing until it has received this notification and instruction. Each acknowledgement will have a unique authorisation number which the master will retain until the fishing trip is terminated.
- 4.4. The fishing trip will be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves the other Party's waters or enters one of the coastal State's ports where its catch is fully discharged.
- 4.5. Vessels shall only leave the other Party's waters after having received authorisation from the coastal State's FMC. Such vessels may be required by the coastal State's FMC to move to one of the Control Area in Appendix 7.
- 4.6. The vessel will not leave the coastal State's waters until it has received acknowledgement of the notification and instructions on whether or not the master is required to present the vessel for inspection at a Control area. Each acknowledgement will have a unique authorisation number, which the master will retain until the vessel leaves Coastal State's waters.
- 4.7. Notwithstanding any inspections that may be conducted at sea the competent authorities may in duly justified circumstances require a master to present their vessel for inspection in a port.
 - 4.7.1. The UK may require a master to present their vessel for inspection in the ports of Lerwick or Scrabster.
 - 4.7.2. The Faroe Islands may require a master to present their vessel for inspection in the port(s) of Tvøroyri, Fuglafjørður, Kláksvík or Runavík.

4.8. Vessels that transit through the other Party's waters will stow their nets so that they may not readily be used in accordance with the following conditions:

4.8.1. Nets, weights, and similar gear will be disconnected from their trawl boards and towing and hauling wires and ropes;

4.8.2. Nets, which are on or above deck, will be securely lashed, stowed and not readily available for use, and;

4.8.3. Static gear disconnected from anchors and ropes.

4.9. The fishing trip will be considered as being terminated when the vessel leaves the other Party's waters or enters one of the Coastal State's ports where its catch is fully discharged or has undergone an inspection at a Coastal State's port.

4.10. The Parties recognise that MCS measures will be introduced on a risk-based approach and therefore agree to cooperate on a strategic and operational level during 2025 to ensure effective control and minimise the possibility of IUU fishing. This cooperation may include but is not limited to

4.10.1. Introduction of additional MCS measures including control areas;

4.10.2. Sharing of relevant intelligence, data or knowledge concerning possible breaches of fisheries regulations, or;

4.10.3. Cooperating and planning inspection and control activities,

5. Conditions for Non-UK and Non-Faroese vessels intending to fish within the Special Area

5.1. This paragraph covers arrangements for third country (non-UK and non-Faroe Islands) vessels fishing within the Special Area. The Special Area as defined in the agreement on Maritime Delimitation in the area between the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom signed in Tórshavn on 18th May 1999, hereinafter referred to as "the 1999 Agreement", concerning the exercise of fisheries jurisdiction by the Contracting Parties in the Special Area defined by that agreement.

5.2. The parties note the importance of a legally robust, bilaterally agreed system for the licensing of third country vessels fishing in the Special Area. They note the constructive dialogue between them over the course of 2024, and that they had refined and agreed an interim solution, set out at Appendix 1.

5.3. The parties note that further refinements may be required in 2025 to ensure the solution is legally robust and enforceable.

5.4. The parties recognise the importance of the unique marine and benthic habitats that lie within the Special Area and to continue to cooperate on measures to protect the marine environment.

5.5. Third Party vessels licensed by both Parties to fish in the Special Area will notify Fisheries Monitoring Centres (“FMCs”) according to the provisions set out in Annex 3 of the 2025 Agreed Record.

6. Formats for data submissions to FMCs

6.1. Reports by masters to the FMCs will be done by email. Any changes to the formats laid down in Appendix 2 of this Annex will be discussed between Parties and will be subject to an implementation period agreed between the Parties.

6.2. UTC date (DD-MM-YYYY) and time (HH:MM) of transmission of the report to the FMC will be derived from the email’s metadata.

7. Principles used with corrections and cancellations

7.1. The coastal State FMC will decide whether the correction or cancellation of a report from a vessel is accepted or not. Messages sent to FMCs to correct or cancel reports should not be rejected due to time limits (if a correction or cancellation is received it should be accepted if the data content is correct).

7.2. If a report has been cancelled, a new report will be sent within the corresponding time limit.

8. Fallback procedures

8.1. EQUIPMENT FAILURE ON BOARD VESSEL AND/OR TRANSMISSION FAILURE BETWEEN VESSEL AND AN FMC

8.1.1. The master or the flag state of a master will notify the coastal State authority about problems influencing the data submissions by a vessel and confirm that appropriate action has been taken to correct the problem.

8.2. MAINTENANCE AT ONE OF THE FMCs

8.2.1. All maintenance operations that may affect data submissions will be notified, preferably at least 72 hours in advance and, if possible, the date and time period of the maintenance should be specified and communicated between the FMCs.

8.2.2. During maintenance periods the fallback procedures for system failure apply.

9. Contact point at the FMCs

9.1. The single contact point list is given in Appendix 6. If the single contact point is changed this will be notified to the other FMC without delay.

10. Future Development of Electronic Reporting Systems

10.1 The Parties commit to implementing an automated ERS data exchange. Conversations on a work plan to move this forward will continue during 2025. Such a scheme will allow the Parties to move away from the reliance on resource intensive emails.

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2.4 If the master of a vessel Authorised to fish in United Kingdom and Faroese waters intends to change from one country's Authorisation to the other while the vessel is in the special area, the master will e-mail a new pre-catch on entry to both countries' FMC stating which fishing Authorisation the vessel is going to fish under. This will be e-mailed to fmc@vorn.fo and UKFMC@gov.scot a minimum of 4 hours prior to changing licences. When the vessel ends its fishery on one licence, the master will send a COX to the FMC whose Authority the vessel was fishing under, and COE to the FMC whose licence it is now fishing under.

2.5 If the master of a vessel Authorised to fish in United Kingdom and Faroese waters enters the Special Area without sending a pre-catch on entry to both countries' FMC, FMCs should contact each other without contacting the vessel in the first instance.

2.6 If a vessel fishing under either a United Kingdom or the Faroe Islands licence moves into the Special Area and wishes to continue fishing under the same licence, then a new COE is not required. However, the vessel will confirm its intention to continue fishing under that licence via email to United Kingdom or the Faroe Islands FMC as appropriate.

2.7 The United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands FMCs will agree and advise the vessel of the time after which notifications to switch will take effect.

2.8 The United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands FMCs will conduct ad hoc checks electronically to ensure proper reporting from vessels fishing in the Special Area.

2.9 This is an interim arrangement until new Technical Annexes are signed.

Template for fishers:

Data Element	Code	Mandatory / Optional (M/O)	Comments
Predicted date	PD	M	estimated date UTC when the master intends to commence fishing (YYYYMMDD)
Predicted time	PT	M	estimated time UTC when the master intends to commence fishing (HHMM)
Name of Master	MA	M	Name of Master
Authorisation Declaration	AD	M	Destination code GBR or FRO confirming authorisation under which the vessel will fish
Radio Call sign	RC	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
[IMO] Number	IM	M	
Vessel name	VN	M	

Appendix 2

Description of data and data format used in communication from masters to FMCs.

Section 1 details the information masters will include in all correspondence with FMCs, and subsequent sections detail the information required in emails specific for each type of report.

1. Information required in each report to FMCs

1.1. Masters of vessels will provide the information below when making any report to an FMC.

Data Element	Mandatory / Optional (M/O)	Comments
Report Sequence Number	M	(Format: 00) The report number from first COE message (01) to last message of fishing trip (XX).
Address	M	Destination code GBR or FRO
Radio Call sign	M	International radio call sign of the vessel
IMO number	M	IMO Number
Name of Master	M	Name of master
Name of Vessel	M	Name of vessel
External Registration Number	M	External Registration Number

2. Catch on entry report – COE

COE (catch on entry). Report on commencement of fishing. This report shall be transmitted at the earliest six hours and no later than two hours in advance of a vessel's entry into the other Party's fishing zone.

The Report is to contain the following text:

Data Element	Code	Explanation
Report	TM	COE, report on commencement of fishing (Catch on Entry)
Sequence number	SQ	The sequential number of the code
Licence number	LC	The licence number (optional)
Direct fisheries	DS	The target species
Radio call signal	RC	The vessel's radio call signal
IMO number	IM	The vessel's IMO number (optional)
Trip number	TN	The number of the trip within this year (optional)
Ship	NA	The name of the vessel
Master	MA	The name of the master
External registration number	XR	The vessel's external registration number
Fishing area	RA	The area in which the ship will fish
Latitude	LA	N/S latitude when report is transmitted
Longitude	LO	E/V longitude when report is transmitted
Catch on-board	OB	Quantity on-board by species (FAO 3 alpha code). The catch is to be reported in live weight in kg.
Date	DA	Date of transmission (DD-MM-YYYY)
Time	TI	Time of transmission, UTC (24hr HH:MM)
Remarks	RE	Remarks

3. CAT – Daily catch report.

This report is to be transmitted even if there are no catches to report. The report for the previous days catches is to be sent every morning before 12:00 UTC.

Data Element	Code	Explanation
Report	TM	CAT, daily catch report
Sequence number	SQ	The sequential number of the code
Licence number	LC	The licence number (optional)
Direct fisheries	DS	The target species
Radio call signal	RC	The vessel's radio call signal
IMO number	IM	The vessel's IMO number (optional)
Trip number	TN	The number of the trip within this year (optional)
Ship	NA	The name of the vessel
Master	MA	The name of the master
External registration number	XR	The vessel's external registration number
Fishing area	RA	The area in which the ship is fishing
Latitude	LA	N/S latitude when report is transmitted
Longitude	LO	E/V longitude when report is transmitted
Catch	CA	Catch of the previous day, from 00:00 to 23:59 (CAT), by species (FAO 3 alpha code). The catch is to be reported in live weight in kg.
Total catch on-board	TC	Total catch on-board (FAO 3 alpha code) in live weight in kg.
Date	DA	Date of transmission (DD-MM-YYYY)
Time	TI	Time of transmission, UTC (24hr HH:MM)
Remarks	RE	Remarks

4. Catch on exit report (COX)

COX (Catch on Exit) – The master shall send a Catch on Exit (COX) report at least four hours prior to the intention of leaving the waters of the other party. This report may be cancelled or corrected.

Data Element	Code	Explanation
Report	TM	COX, report of catch on exit
Sequence number	SQ	The sequential number of the code
Licence number	LC	The licence number (optional)
Direct fisheries	DS	The target species
Radio call signal	RC	The vessel's radio call signal
IMO number	IM	The vessel's IMO number (optional)
Trip number	TN	The number of the trip within this year (optional)
Ship	NA	The name of the vessel
Master	MA	The name of the master
External registration number	XR	The vessel's external registration number
Fishing area	RA	The area in which the ship is fishing
Latitude	LA	N/S latitude when report is transmitted
Longitude	LO	E/V longitude when report is transmitted
Catch	CA	Catch of the previous day, from 00:00 to 23:59 (CAT), by species (FAO 3 alpha code). The catch is to be reported in live weight in kg.
Total catch on-board	TC	Total catch on-board (FAO 3 alpha code) in live weight in kg.
Port of landing	PO	The port in which the fish will be landed or transhipped
Landing or transhipping	TR	Report what company or vessel the catch will be landed or transhipped to
Date of landing or transhipping the catch	PD	Estimated date of landing or transhipping the catch (DD-MM-YYYY)
Time of landing or transhipping the catch	PT	Estimated time of landing or transhipping the catch (24hr HH:MM)

Data Element	Code	Explanation
Date	DA	Date of transmission (DD-MM-YYYY)
Time	TI	Time of transmission, UTC (24hr HH:MM)
Remarks	RE	Remarks

Appendix 3

Main vessel activities

Code	Definition
ANC	Anchoring
DRI	Drifting
FIS	Fishing
GUD	Guard ship
HAU	Hauling
PRO	Processing
REL	Catch relocation
SET	Setting gear
SCR	Scientific research
STE	Cruising/Steaming
TRX	Transshipping
OTH	Other

Appendix 4

Alpha-3 ISO country codes

Zone	ISO-3 code
UK Economic Zone	GBR
Faroese Economic Zone	FRO

Appendix 5

Fish Presentation Codes

Code	Presentation	Description
CBF	Cod butterfly (escalado)	HEA with skin on, spine on, tail on
CLA	Claws	Claws only
CUT	Cut in pieces	GHT + cut in pieces/portions
DWT	ICCAT code	Gilled, gutted, part of head off, fins off
FIL	Filleted	HEA + GUT + TLD + bones off Each fish originates two fillets not joined by any par
FIN	Fins	Fins
FIS	Filleted and skinned fillets	FIL + SKI Each fish originates two fillets not joined by any par
FSB	Filleted with skin and bones	Filleted with skin and bones on
FSP	Filleted skinned with pinbone on	Filleted with skin removed and pinbone on
GHT	Gutted headed and tailed	GUH + TLD
GTA	Gutted and tailed	GUT + TLD
GTF	Gutted, tailed, and finned	GTA + finned
GUG	Gutted and gilled	Guts and gills removed
GUH	Gutted and headed	Guts and head removed
GUL	Gutted liver in	GUT without removing liver parts
GUS	Gutted headed and skinned	GUH + SKI
GUT	Gutted	All guts removed
HEA	Headed	Heads off
HET	Headed/tailed	Heads and tail off
JAP	Japanese cut	Transversal cut removing all parts from head to belly
JAT	Tailed Japanese cut	Japanese cut with tail removed
LAP	Lappen	Double fillet, HEA, skin + tails + fins ON

Code	Presentation	Description
LVR	Liver	Liver
LVR-C	Liver-C	Liver - collective presentation*
OTH	Other	Any other presentation
PEL	Peeled	Removal of exo-skeleton
ROE	Roe (s)	Roe(s)
ROE-C	Roe (s) - C	Roe(s) - collective presentation*
SAD	Salted dry	Headed with skin on, spine on, tail on and salted dry
SAL	Salted wet light	CBF + salted
SGH	Salted, gutted, and headed	GUH + salted
SGT	Salted gutted	GUT + salted
SKI	Skinned	Skin off
SUR	Surimi	Surimi
TAL	Tail	Tails only
TLD	Tailed	Tail off
TNG	Tongue	Tongue
TNG-C	Tongue-C	Tongue - collective presentation*
TUB	Tube only	Tube only (Squid)
WHL	Whole	No processing
WNG	Wings	Wings only
Version 1.0		
Validity Start Date: 01-01-2025		
*Collective presentation means that two or more parts presentations (therefore products) are extracted from the same fish, the conversion of a secondary product of a collective presentation will be zero.		

Fish Preservation State Codes

Code	Description
ALI	Alive
BOI	Boiled
DRI	Dried

Code	Description
FRE	Fresh
FRO	Frozen
SAL	Salted
SMO	Smoked
Version 1.0	
Validity Start Date: 01-01-2025	

Type of Packaging Codes

Code	Description
BGS	Bags
BLC	Blocks
BOX	Boxes
CNT	Containers
CRT	Cartons
Version 1.0	
Validity Start Date: 01-01-2025	

Appendix 6

Fisheries contact points in the United Kingdom and Faroe Islands

Faroe Islands

1. **Name of the authority:** Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection
2. **Address of the authority:** Yvir við Strond 3, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands
3. **Name and position of the contact person (and substitute):**
 - i) Main: Petur Meinhard Jacobsen, adviser
 - ii) Substitute: Jóhan Simonsen, head of department
4. **Phone Number of the contact person (and substitute):**
 - i) Main: +298 29 10 01
 - ii) Substitute: +298 29 10 02
5. **E-mail of the contact person (and substitute):**
 - i) Main: peturmj@vorn.fo
 - ii) Substitute: johans@vorn.fo
6. **24/7 contacts:**
 - i) Phone: +298 31 10 65
 - ii) E-mail: fmc@vorn.fo

United Kingdom

UK – MARINE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

1. **Name of the authority:** Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
2. **Address of the authority:** Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle, NE4 7YH, United Kingdom
3. **Email for authority:**

i) General e-mail: ops@marinemanagement.org.uk

UK – SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT, MARINE DIRECTORATE

1. Name of the authority: Scottish Government Marine Directorate Compliance

2. Address of the authority: Area 1b North, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, United Kingdom

ii) Phone: +44 (0) 131 244 2286

iii) E-mail: ukfmc@gov.scot

Appendix 7

List of Faroe Islands Control Areas

Name of Demersal Inspection Control Areas	Code
FRO Inspection CPT 1 (ICES rectangle 53 E3)	FROCPT1
FRO Inspection CPT 2 (ICES rectangle 52 E3)	FROCPT2

List of UK Control Areas

Name of Demersal Inspection Control Areas	Code
UK Demersal Inspection CPT 1 (ICES rectangle 50 E9)	GBRCPT1
UK Demersal Inspection CPT 2 (ICES rectangle 49 E8)	GBRCPT2

Fisheries contact points in the United Kingdom and Faroe Islands

Faroe Islands

- 1) Name of the authority:** Faroe Islands Fisheries Inspection
- 2) Address of the authority:** Yvir við Strond 3, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands
- 3) Name and position of the contact person (and substitute):**
Main: Brimil
Substitute: Tjaldrið
Additional: FMC
- 4) Phone Number of the contact person (and substitute):**
Main: +298 288004
Substitute: +298 288003
Additional: +298 311065
- 5) E-mail of the contact person (and substitute):**

- i) brimil-brugv@vorn.fo;
- ii) brugv-tjaldrid@vorn.fo;
- iii) FMC@vorn.fo

24/7 contacts:

- i) Phone: +298 31 10 65
- ii) E-mail: fmc@vorn.fo

United Kingdom

- 1) **Name of the authority:** Scottish Government Marine Directorate Compliance
- 2) **Address of the authority:** Area 1b North, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, United Kingdom
- 3) **Email:** ukfmc@gov.scot
- 4) **Phone:** +44 (0) 131 244 2286

Annex 5: Satellite tracking of fishing vessels (Vessel Monitoring System – VMS)

- 1. All fishing vessels will have an operational satellite tracking device installed on board and be tracked by their flag State Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) when fishing in the waters of the other Party.
- 2. For satellite tracking, the Parties will exchange consistent latitude and longitude co-ordinates of their waters. Such co-ordinates will be for operational purposes only.

The data will be communicated in computer readable form, as decimal degrees in the WGS-84 datum.

3. The Parties will exchange lists of vessels flying their flag by electronic means. The lists will contain the name, the external registration number, the international radio call sign, and the overall length of each vessel. The list will be updated when changes are made in accordance with Annex 3: Arrangements for the exchange of fleet registers .
4. The Vessel Monitoring System hardware and software components will be tamper proof, i.e. will not permit the input or output of false positions and will not be capable of being manually over-ridden. The system will be fully automatic at all times regardless of environmental conditions. Each Party will ensure that it is prohibited to destroy, damage, render inoperative or otherwise interfere with the satellite tracking device. In particular, the masters will ensure that:
 - i) the satellite tracking devices are fully operational;
 - ii) data is not altered in any way;
 - iii) the antenna or the antennas connected to the satellite tracking devices are not obstructed in any way;
 - iv) the power supply of the satellite tracking devices is not interrupted in any way; and
 - v) the satellite tracking devices are not removed from the vessel.
5. The satellite tracking device will ensure the automatic transmission at all times of the following data:
 - i) The fishing vessel identification;
 - ii) The most recent geographical position of the fishing vessel, with a position error which will be less than 500 metres, with a confidence interval of 99%;
 - iii) The date and time expressed in UTC of the fixing of the position of the fishing vessel; and
 - iv) The speed and course of the fishing vessel.
6. When a vessel of one Party subject to satellite tracking (of 12 metres or over in length) enters or exits the waters of the other Party, the flag State will forward to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) of the other Party (the UKFMC (ukfmc@gov.scot) / Faroese authorities (vakt@vorn.fo)) an Entry or Exit message as described in Appendix 1. These messages will be transmitted without delay. The

tracking frequency by the flag State FMC of a vessel being in the waters of the other Party will be on an hourly basis, or more frequent if the other Party requests.

7. When a vessel has moved into the waters of the other Party, the first position message from the vessel will be communicated from the flag State FMC to the relevant FMC of the other Party within the hour after moving into the waters of the other Party. These messages will be identified as Position Messages as described in Appendix 1.
8. It will be prohibited for a vessel to switch off its satellite tracking devices when in the waters under the jurisdiction of the other Party.
9. Messages according to paragraphs 6 and 7 will be in computer readable form, utilising HTTPS or other secure protocols, subject to prior agreement between relevant FMCs.
10. In the event of technical failure or non-function of the satellite tracking device fitted on board a vessel, the master of the vessel or the owner or their representative will communicate to their flag State FMC the up-to-date current geographical position and the information contained in paragraph 5 and 7. At least one position report per 4 hours will be sufficient under such circumstances, as long as the vessel stays within the waters of the other Party. The flag State FMC or the vessels will forward such messages to the FMC of the other Party as soon as possible.
11. Such faulty equipment will be repaired or replaced before the vessel commences a new fishing trip.
12. The flag State FMC will monitor the tracking of its vessels when in the waters of the other Party. Information will be forwarded to the FMC of the other Party without delay in the event that it is discovered that the tracking of vessels does not function as approved in this Annex.
13. In the event that a FMC of either Party discovers that information is not being communicated by the other Party in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7, the other Party will be notified without delay.
14. The stored messages will be transmitted as soon as electronic communication is re-established between the relevant FMCs.
15. Communication failures between FMCs will not affect the operation of the vessels.
16. The Parties will exchange information concerning addresses and specifications that will be used for electronic communication between their FMCs in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7. Such information will, to the extent available, also include names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses that can be useful for general communication between the FMCs.

17. The Parties will exchange, upon request, information on the equipment used for the operation of the satellite tracking system to confirm that such equipment is fully compatible with the requirements of the other Party.

18. The Parties may review this Annex, as appropriate.

Appendix 1

Communication of VMS messages to the FMC of the other Party.

1. "ENTRY" message

Data Element	Field Code	Mandatory / Optional (M/O)	Comments
Start Record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination Party Alpha-3 ISO country code
From	FR	M	Message detail; the transmitting Party Alpha-3 ISO country code
Record Number	RN	O	Message detail; serial number of the record in the relevant year
Record Date	RD	O	Message detail; date of transmission
Record Time	RT	O	Message detail; time of transmission
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, "ENT"
Radio Call Sign	RC	M	Vessel detail; international radio call sign of the vessel
Internal Reference Number	IR	O	Vessel detail. Unique Party vessel number as Alpha-3 ISO flag country code followed by number
External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel detail; the side number of the vessel
Latitude	LT	M	Position detail; position ± 99.999 (WGS-84)
Longitude	LG	M	Position detail; position ± 999.999 (WGS-84)
Speed	SP	M	Position detail; Vessel speed in tenths of knots
Course	CO	M	Position detail; Vessel course 360° scale
Date	DA	M	Position detail; UTC date of position (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	Position detail; UTC time of position (HHMM)
End of Record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

2. "POSITION" message/report

Data Element	Field Code	Mandatory / Optional (M/O)	Comments
Start Record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination Party Alpha-3 ISO country code
From	FR	M	Message detail; the transmitting Party Alpha-3 ISO country code
Record Number	RN	O	Message detail; serial number of the record in the relevant year
Record Date	RD	O	Message detail; date of transmission
Record Time	RT	O	Message detail; time of transmission
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, "POS" ²
Radio Call Sign	RC	M	Vessel detail; international radio call sign of the vessel
Internal Reference Number	IR	O	Vessel detail. Unique Party vessel number as Alpha-3 ISO flag country code followed by number
External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel detail; the side number of the vessel
Latitude	LT	M	Position detail; position ± 99.999 (WGS-84)
Longitude	LG	M	Position detail; position ± 999.999 (WGS-84)
Speed	SP	M	Position detail; Vessel speed in tenths of knots
Course	CO	M	Position detail; Vessel course 360° scale
Date	DA	M	Position detail; UTC date of position (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	Position detail; UTC time of position (HHMM)
End of Record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

² Type of message will be "MAN" for reports communicated by vessels with a defective satellite tracking device.

3. "EXIT" message

Data Element	Field Code	Mandatory / Optional (M/O)	Comments
Start Record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination Party Alpha-3 ISO country code
From	FR	M	Message detail; the transmitting Party Alpha-3 ISO country code
Record Number	RN	O	Message detail; serial number of the record in the relevant year
Record Date	RD	O	Message detail; date of transmission
Record Time	RT	O	Message detail; time of transmission
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, "EXI"
Radio Call Sign	RC	M	Vessel detail; international radio call sign of the vessel
Internal Reference Number	IR	O	Vessel detail. Unique Party vessel number as Alpha-3 ISO flag country code followed by number
External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel detail; the side number of the vessel
Date	DA	M	Position detail; UTC date of position (YYYYMMDD)
Time	TI	M	Position detail; UTC time of position (HHMM)
End of Record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

4. Format details

4.1. Each message in a data transmission is structured as follows:

- i) Double slash (//) and the character "SR" indicates the start of a message,
- ii) Double slash (//) and field code indicates the start of a data element,
- iii) Single slash (/) separates the field code and the data,
- iv) Pairs of data are separated by space,
- v) Field code followed by three slashes (///) indicates a mandatory data element with no value. The first slash is the separate slash of the actual data element, the double slash is the start of the following element.
- vi) The character ER and a double slash (//) indicates the end of the record.

4.2. All field codes in this Annex are in The North Atlantic Format as described in The NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement.

Annex 6: Catch Statistics

1. The Parties Acknowledge that:

1.1. The exchange of statistics serves two purposes:

- i) Reporting and recording catches for official statistics, and
- ii) Monitoring fisheries to avoid overfishing of agreed quotas.

1.2. Landing statistics are the official catch statistics; however, these may not reflect the catches at a given time, with this the Parties recognised:

- i) That for example in the case of vessels freezing their catch while at sea, this catch may remain onboard for weeks before landing, and
- ii) The need to develop an ERS exchange to reduce the burden on the Parties' FMCs and their fishers. Such an exchange would allow the Parties to monitor the catches more accurately on day-to-day basis.

2. Catch Monitoring

2.1. For the purposes of this Annex:

2.1.1. The "catch monitoring authority" will be:

- i) Vørn acting on behalf of the Ministry of Fisheries in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands
- ii) The Marine Management Organisation (MMO), Newcastle on behalf of the UK Fisheries Administrations

2.1.2. A "limit" can refer to a quota, stock limit, catch limit, access to fish arrangement, a maximum overall limit or zonal access arrangement for a species, group of species or bycatch as set out in the Agreed Record.

2.2. Faroese authorities will submit catch statistics to

statistics@marinemanagement.org.uk copying UKCatchStatistics@defra.gov.uk.

The contact person for querying catch statistics in UK for the Faroese authorities is:

- i) MMO Statistics
- i) email: statistics@marinemanagement.org.uk

2.3. The UK authorities will submit catch statistics to vakt@vorn.fo. The contact persons for querying catch statistics in Faroe Islands for the UK authorities are:

ii) Petur Meinhard Jacobsen Tel: +298 29 10 01

iii) e-mail: peturmj@vorn.fo

3. Catch Statistics Submissions

- 3.1. Parties will use the live catch weights recorded by vessels for limit utilisation and catch statistic submissions. If any update is required after landing data is received to a previously submitted report, these changes will be sent when available.
- 3.2. Each Party will submit to the other Party's catch monitoring authority and contact persons, monthly catch statistics from live catch weights corresponding to fishing activity by its vessels in the other Party's waters. Submissions will be no later than the end of the following month to which the statistic relates. Upon request the Parties will exchange live catch weights data from both parties vessels for the purposes of crosschecking.
 - 3.2.1. The Faroese and UK authorities will submit the monthly catch reports using the structure in Appendix 1 of this Annex.
 - 3.2.2. Upon request The Faroese and UK authorities will submit the monthly haul by haul reports using the structure in Appendix 2 of this Annex.
- 3.3. In the case that one Party suspects erroneous catch data, the relevant catch monitoring authority will inform the other Party's catch monitoring authority. The authorities will cooperate on identifying the error and correct the relevant registers.
- 3.4. An end of year summary of data will be submitted by each Party to the other Party to reduce the possibility of erroneous data by end of February 2026. This return will be based on landed catch live weight.

4. The Faroese and UK authorities will submit the year summary of final data using the structure in Appendix 3 of this Annex by the end of January 2026. Monitoring Quota Uptake

- 4.1. Each Party will monitor the fishing activities of their own vessels when fishing in the other Party's EEZ, and each Party will monitor the fishing activities of the other Party's vessels using notifications sent by masters.
- 4.2. Once 85% of a limit has been reached by the vessels of a Party, that Party will submit a notification to the other Party.

- 4.2.1. From this point both Parties will monitor the fishery and exchange information when 90% and 95% of a limit is reached, and more often if needed.
- 4.2.2. Parties will use this to ensure uptake does not exceed 100%.
- 4.2.3. Parties will continue to submit monthly catch statistics before the end of the following month as outlined in paragraph 3.1.
- 4.3. If 100% of a limit is estimated to have been reached by a Party's vessels, the Party will submit a notification to the other Party.
 - 4.3.1. The Parties will coordinate how and when the relevant fishery will be closed.

5. Future Development of Catch Statistics Exchanges

- 5.1. The parties will review if there are options for developing a semi-automated process in 2025 to automate catch statistics sharing and move away from the reliance on resource intensive emails.

Appendix 1

Monthly Catch Statistic Report Submissions' Structure

1. The Microsoft Excel document format will be used for the monthly catch report submissions.
2. Microsoft Excel structure for the monthly catch report submissions should be as follows, with as many rows as is necessary to detail the catch reports for the corresponding month:
- 2.1. Sheet 1 for submitting the catches as reported by the Party's vessels in their ERS:

Species	Species	Area	Limit for stock	Remaining quantity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% Uptake	
FAO species code	Species name	ICES Area	Live Weight in tonnes (WT)	(WT)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	(WT)	(WT)	
					(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	
				Totals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000

2.2. Sheet 2 for submitting the catches as submitted by the other Party's vessels by email:

Species	Species code	Species name	Area	Limit for stock	Remaining quantity	Jan 1	Feb 2	Mar 3	Apr 4	May 5	Jun 6	Jul 7	Aug 8	Sep 9	Oct 10	Nov 11	Dec 12	Total	% Uptake		
FAO species code		ICES Area	Live Weight in tonnes (WT)		(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	
Totals					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000	

Appendix 2

Monthly Haul by Haul Statistic Report Submissions' Structure

1. The Microsoft Excel document format will be used for the monthly haul by haul report submissions if requested by either party.
2. Microsoft Excel sheet structure for the monthly haul by haul report submissions should be as follows, with as many rows as is necessary to detail the haul-by-haul reports for the corresponding month:

2.1. Sheet 1 for submitting the hauls as reported by the Party's vessels in their ERS:

Vessel nationality	Year of activity	Month of activity	Activity date	Gear Code	Mesh	Activity	Activity ID	EEZ	Area	Reporting Species	Species	Species group	Live Weight tonnes
	YYYY	MM	DD/MM/YYYY	FAO species code (SN)				Alpha-3 ISO country code	ICES Division	FAO Species code	Alpha name		Live Weight in tonnes (WT)

Appendix 3

End of Year Summary of Catch Data Submissions' Structure

1. The Microsoft Excel document format will be used for the end of year summary of catch data submissions.
2. Sheet 1 for submitting the final data on the catches by the Party's vessels for 2025:

Species	Species Area	Limit for stock	Remaining quantity	Jan 1	Feb 2	Mar 3	Apr 4	May 5	Jun 6	Jul 7	Aug 8	Sep 9	Oct 10	Nov 11	Dec 12	Total	% Uptake
FAO species code	ICES Area	Live Weight in tonnes (WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)	(WT)
			Totals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.000

Annex 7: Real Time Closures

1. The licensing authority of the Faroe Islands (Vørn) will without delay inform the UKFMC ukfmc@gov.scot regarding real time closures.
 - 1.2 The authorities of the Faroe Islands will submit a copy of the measure and the elements justifying the adoption of this measure.
 - 1.3 The UKFMC will without delay inform the relevant vessel of measures.
 - 1.4 The vessel will leave the relevant area(s) within 6 hours from the time and date indicated in the notice sent to UKFMC.
2. Real time closures (RTC) in UK waters to be triggered by inspection at sea. The UKFMC will issue an email notification to vessels, other FMCs (EU, 3rd Countries, EFCA) and vessels in the vicinity of the RTC will be contacted directly.
 - 2.1 Each RTC should remain closed for 21 days, with an option to run consecutively. RTCs will only be in operation when the main spawning closures are not.