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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2328/2003, (EC) No 861/2006, (EC) No 1198/2006 and (EC) No 791/2007 and Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(1)], and in particular Article 107(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1243/2014[(2)] sets out the data which the Member States are to record and provide to the Commission in order to permit the monitoring and evaluation of operations supported under shared management by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

(2) According to Article 3 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1243/2014, those data are to be updated at the time of approval and completion of each operation. By contrast, the report on the progress in implementing the operational programme, required by Article 50 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)], is to be sent by the Member States on an annual basis with the data updated annually by the end of the previous year. Additionally, there are also differences in the data content of the two reports that impose unnecessary administrative burden on Member States when preparing those reports.

(3) In order to increase consistency between the different reports and thus simplify the fulfilment of reporting obligations, data required by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1243/2014 should likewise be updated on an annual basis and should concern the same set of operations and data covered by the implementation report referred to in Article 50 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

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(4) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1243/2014 sets out the information to be sent by Member States. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1242/2014[(4)] sets out rules on the presentation of relevant cumulative data on operations. In order to clarify that these Regulations refer to the same reporting obligations by Member States, a clear link should be established between the two Regulations and the reporting obligations imposed by them.

(5) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1243/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1243/2014 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 2, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

2. The list of data shall be recorded and provided to the Commission by 31 March each year, in accordance with the templates set out in the Annexes to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1242/2014[(5)], for each operation selected for funding under the operational programme supported by the EMFF.;

(2) Article 3 is deleted;

(3) the table in Part A of Annex I is replaced by the table in Annex I to this Regulation;

(4) the table in Part B of Annex I is replaced by the table in Annex II to this Regulation;

(5) the table in Part C of Annex I is replaced by the table in Annex III to this Regulation.

(6) the table in Part D of Annex I is replaced by the table in Annex IV to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 May 2017.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX I

‘PART A

Administrative information

Field	Content of field	Description	Data needs and synergies
1	CCI	Common Code of Identification of the operational programme	Data field 19 of Annex III to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014[a]
2	Unique Identifier of the Operation (ID)	Required for all operations supported by the Fund	Data field 5 of Annex III to Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014
3	Name of the operation	If available and if field 2 is a number	Data field 5 of Annex III to Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014
4	Vessel number ‘Community Fleet Register number’ (CFR[b])	Where relevant	EMFF Specific
5	NUTS code[c]	Put most relevant NUTS level (default = level III)	EMFF Specific
6	Beneficiary	Beneficiary name (only legal entities and natural persons in accordance with national law)	Data field 1 of Annex III to Delegated Regulation (EU) No 480/2014
7	Gender of beneficiary	Where relevant (possible value: 1: male, 2: female, 3: other)	EMFF Specific
8	Size of enterprise	Where relevant[d] (possible values: 1: micro, 2: small, 3: medium, 4: large)	EMFF Specific
9	State of progress of the operation	1 digit: code=operation 0 covered by a decision granting aid but for which no expenditure	EMFF Specific

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		has been declared by the beneficiary to the Managing Authority code=operation 1 interrupted following partial implementation (for which some expenditure has been declared by the beneficiary to the Managing Authority) code=operation 2 abandoned following partial implementation (for which some expenditure has been declared by the beneficiary to the Managing Authority) code=operation 3 completed (for which all expenditures have been paid to the beneficiary) code=operation under 4 implementation (for which some expenditure has been declared by the beneficiary to the Managing Authority) code=operation fully 5 implemented (but for which all expenses have not necessarily been paid to the beneficiary)	