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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 30 November 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1801/2006 on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania[(1)] ('the Partnership Agreement').

(2) A new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Partnership Agreement ('the new Protocol') has been provisionally applied since 16 December 2012, the date of its signature, in accordance with Council Decision 2012/827/EU[(2)]. The new Protocol grants EU vessels fishing opportunities in waters in which Mauritania exercises its sovereignty or its jurisdiction as regards fishing. The allocation of fishing opportunities granted to the Union under the new Protocol was defined by Regulation (EU) No 1259/2012[(3)].

(3) On 20 February 2013, in accordance with Article 4 of the new Protocol, the Joint Committee between the European Union and Mauritania ('Joint Committee') provided for in Article 10 of the Partnership Agreement adopted measures entailing a review of fishing opportunities. They include measures redefining the allocation of fishing opportunities between categories 5 (tuna seiners) and 6 (pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners).

(4) Regulation (EU) No 1259/2012 should therefore be amended. Given that the decision of the Joint Committee applies from 20 February 2013, this Regulation should enter into force immediately following its publication and should apply from 20 February 2013,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EU) No 680/2013. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

Regulation (EU) No 1259/2012 is amended as follows:

In Article 1(1), points (e) and (f) are replaced by the following:

(e) Category 5 — Tuna seiners

Spain	17 licences
France	8 licences

(f) Category 6 — Pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners

Spain	18 licences
France	1 licence.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 20 February 2013.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 July 2013.

For the Council

The President

V. JUKNA