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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 53/2010 of 14 January 2010 fixing for 2010 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in EU waters and, for EU vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required[(1)], and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Catch limits for sandeel in ICES IIa and IV are laid down in Annex IA of Regulation (EU) No 53/2010.

(2) Pursuant to point 6 of Annex IID to Regulation (EU) No 53/2010, the Commission is to revise the total allowable catches (TAC) and quotas for 2010 for sandeel in those zones based on advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF).

(3) The STECF indicates that the function laid down in point 6 of Annex IID to Regulation (EU) No 53/2010 would indicate a TAC of up to 400 000 tonnes.

(4) Sandeel is a North Sea stock which is shared with Norway but which is currently not jointly managed. The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with consultations with Norway pursuant to the provisions of the agreed record of conclusions of fisheries consultations between the European Commission and Norway of 26 January 2010. In consequence, the European Union share of that part of the TAC that can be caught in EU waters of ICES zones IIa and IV should be fixed at 90 % of 400 000 tonnes.

(5) Following negotiations with Norway, the amount allocated to Norway from the EU's share of the TAC should be increased from 20 000 tonnes to 27 500 tonnes in exchange for fishing opportunities on other species in Norwegian waters.

(6) The Scientific Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries recommends that the TAC should be increased by 4,23 % to cover EU waters of ICES zone IIIa.

(7) Annex IA to Regulation (EU) No 53/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EU) No 589/2010. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

Annex IA to Regulation (EU) No 53/2010 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 5 July 2010.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO