Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 820/2004 of 29 April 2004 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 as regards fishing opportunities for blue whiting in certain zones

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Regulation (EC) No 820/2004 should read as follows:

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) 820/2004 of 29 April 2004 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 as regards fishing opportunities for blue whiting in certain zones

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 of 19 December 2003 fixing for 2004 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required [1], and in particular Article 5(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 lays down the possibility of increasing the Community's fishing opportunities for blue whiting and herring when third countries do not respect a responsible management of those stocks.

(2) No maximum fishing opportunities for blue whiting for 2004 have been established by the Faeroe Islands and Norway. Iceland has established fishing opportunities far above their historical catches of the stock. It may therefore be considered that those third countries do not respect a responsible management of the blue whiting stock.

While awaiting a long-term management agreement on the blue whiting stock with the coastal States concerned, it is appropriate for the Community provisionally to increase its quota with 350 000 tonnes in zones II (International waters), IIa (Community waters), North Sea (Community waters), V,VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII, XIV, CECAF 34.1.1 (Community waters).

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes IB and IC to Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 are amended in accordance with the Annex 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, 29 April 2004.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 344, 31.12.2003, p. 1.

ANNEX

The Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 are amended as follows:

1. In Annex IB:

The entries concerning the species blue whiting in zones:

IIa (Community waters), North Sea (Community waters),

V, VI, VII, XII, and XIV,

VIIIa, b, d, e,

VIIIc, IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1

are replaced by the following:

Species	**Blue whiting**		**Zone:**	**IIa (Community waters), North Sea (Community waters)**				
	Micromesistius poutassou			**WHB/2AC4-C**				
Denmark	97 058							
Germany	160							
The Netherlands	294							
Sweden	313							
United Kingdom	2 141							
Community	99 966							
Norway	40 000	(1)						
TAC	Not relevant			Analytical TAC where deductions of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 apply.				

(1) Within a total quota of 120 000 tonnes in Community waters.

Species	**Blue whiting**		**Zone:**	**V, VI, VII, XII and XIV**				
	Micromesistius poutassou			**WHB/571214**				
Denmark	8 031							
Germany	31 087							
Spain	51 812	(1)						
France	43 263							
Ireland	62 174							
The Netherlands	97 665							
Portugal	3 886	(1)						
United Kingdom	90 671							
Community	388 589							
Norway	120 000	(2) (3)						
Faroe Islands	45 000	(4) (5)						

Species	Blue whiting		Zone:	V, VI, VII, XII and XIV				
	Micromesistius poutassou			WHB/571214				
TAC	Not relevant			Analytical TAC where deductions of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 apply.				

(1) Of which up to 75 % may be taken in areas VIIIc, IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1 (Community waters).
(2) May be fished in Community waters in areas II, IVa, VIa north of 56° 30'N, VIb, VII west of 12°W
(3) Of which up to 500 tonnes may consist of argentine (*Argentina* spp.).
(4) Catches of blue whiting may include unavoidable catches of argentine (*Argentina* spp.)
(5) May be fished in Community waters in areas VIa north of 56° 30' N, VIb, VII west of 12° W.

Special conditions:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the zones specified:

			IVa	WHB/04A-C				
Norway			40 000					

Species	Blue whiting		Zone:	VIII a, b, d, e				
	Micromesistius poutassou			WHB/8ABDE				
Spain	19 993							
France	15 513							
Portugal	2 999							
United Kingdom	14 477							
Community	52 982							
TAC	Not relevant			Analytical TAC where deductions of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 apply.				

Special conditions:
Any part of the abovementioned quotas may be fished in ICES Division Vb (Community waters), subareas VI, VII, XII and XIV

Species	Blue whiting		Zone:	VIIIc, IX, X, CECAF 34.1.1 (Community waters)				
	Micromesistius poutassou			WHB/8C3411				
Spain	87 970							
Portugal	21 993							
Community	109 963	(1)						
TAC	Not relevant			Analytical TAC where deductions of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 apply.				

2. In Annex IC:

The entry concerning the species blue whiting in zone I, II (international waters) is replaced by the following:

Species	**Blue whiting**		**Zone:**	**I, II, (international waters)**				
	Micromesistius poutassou							
Community	70 000							
TAC	Not relevant							