COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2015/1713

of 22 September 2015

establishing a prohibition of fishing for Greenland halibut in Union waters of IIa and IV; Union and international waters of Vb and VI by vessels flying the flag of Spain

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy ([1]), and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104 ([2]) lays down quotas for 2015.

(2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2015.

(3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing activities for that stock,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quota exhaustion

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2015 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

Article 2

Prohibitions

Fishing activities for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. In particular it shall be prohibited to retain on board, relocate, tranship or land fish from that stock caught by those vessels after that date.

Article 3

Entry into force

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

([1]) OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.
([2]) Council Regulation (EU) 2015/104 of 19 January 2015 fixing for 2015 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union vessels, in certain non-Union waters, amending Regulation (EU) No 43/2014 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 779/2014 (OJ L 22, 28.1.2015, p. 1).

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

Done at Brussels, 22 September 2015.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
João AGUIAR MACHADO
Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

ANNEX

No	40/TQ104
Member State	Spain
Stock	GHL/2A-C46
Species	Greenland halibut (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*)
Zone	Union waters of IIa and IV; Union and international waters of Vb and VI
Closing date	31.8.2015