COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2020/1417

of 2 October 2020

establishing a fisheries closure for witch flounder in NAFO 3NO area for vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the European Union

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 Union 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) 2020/123 ([2]) lays down quotas for 2020.

(2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock of witch flounder in NAFO 3NO area by vessels flying the flag of or registered in Member States of the European Union have exhausted the quota allocated for 2020.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quota exhaustion

The fishing quota allocated to Member States of the European Union for the stock of witch flounder in NAFO 3NO area for 2020 referred to in the Annex 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 Article 1 by vessels flying the flag of or registered in a Member State of the European Union shall be prohibited from the date set out in the 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*.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 October 2020.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS
Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.
([2]) Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123 of 27 January 2020 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 25, 30.1.2020, p. 1).

ANNEX

No	16/TQ123
Member State	European Union (All Member States)
Stock	WIT/N3NO.
Species	Witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*)
Zone	NAFO 3NO
Closing date	10.9.2020