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Subject: Reply to your letter on the implementation of the new EU Fisheries Control Systems Regulation (EU) 2023/2842 and its implementing and delegated acts - Questions on application of provisions for EU external fleet

Dear Mr Rodriguez,

Please accept my sincerest apologies for the delay in replying to your letter of 10 April 2025. A reply had been prepared and was ready to be sent; however, due to a clerical mistake, the letter was inadvertently not dispatched. Please find a copy of that reply enclosed.

Regarding your letter of 19 May 2026, I would like to thank you for your continued work in ensuring a thorough understanding of the revised Control Regulation and its effective implementation. We look forward to exchanging views with the Advisory Councils during the session dedicated to the Control Regulation on 16 July.

We fully agree that it is important to address the challenges that the implementation of the revised Control Regulation, together with its implementing and delegated acts, may pose for operators and for the fishing fleet. We believe that next week's session will provide an excellent opportunity to hear your views on the specific challenges you have identified and to exchange on the most appropriate way forward.

I would also like to point out that some of the issues raised in your letter are still under discussion in the context of the implementation of the revised Control Regulation, in particular as regards the preparation of some of the secondary legislation and the ongoing discussions with the Member States. This is the case, for example, for the implementing act on weighing, as well as the measures relating to engine power and remote electronic monitoring (REM).

Please be assured that the Commission highly values the input of all stakeholders. We fully recognise the importance of maintaining an open dialogue, providing clear explanations and fostering a common understanding of the issues raised in your letter.

We therefore propose to use next week's session on 16 July to provide detailed replies to your questions. Given the technical nature of the issues you have raised, we believe that an interactive exchange will allow us to explain better the Commission's approach and address your questions in the most constructive manner, also to the benefit of the other Advisory Councils that will participate.

Yours sincerely,

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