

Chapter VIII

CONTROL OF RECREATIONAL FISHERIES

(Article 55 of the Control Regulation)

Article 68

Establishment of sampling plans

1. Sampling plans to be established by Member States in accordance with Article 55(3) of the Control Regulation for the purpose of monitoring catches of stocks subject to recovery plans by recreational fisheries shall provide for the collection of annual data.
2. The methods used in the sampling plans shall be established clearly and shall be, as far as possible:
 - (a) stable over time;
 - (b) standardised within regions;
 - (c) in accordance with the quality standards established by relevant international scientific bodies and, where appropriate, by the relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organisations to which the European Union is contracting party or observer.
3. The sampling plan shall include:
 - (a) a sampling design for the estimation of catches subject to recovery plans, including released live fish, the gear used and the geographical area of the catches;
 - (b) a sampling design for the estimation of fishing vessels, including their number of days at sea, and persons involved in the recreational fisheries on stocks subject to a recovery plan.
4. Member States shall estimate systematically the accuracy and precision of the collected data.
5. For the purpose of the sampling plans referred to in paragraph 1 Member States may use the data collected according to the multiannual Community programme as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 199/2008¹ to the extent that such data are available.

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Article 69
Notification and evaluation of sampling plans

1. Member States shall notify their sampling plans to the Commission two months after the entry into force of a recovery plan. For recovery plans which are already in force at the time of entry into force of this Regulation, the sampling plan shall be notified within two months after entry into force of this Regulation. Amendments of the sampling plan shall be notified before they become effective.
2. In addition to the evaluation requested in Article 55(4) of the Control Regulation, the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries shall also evaluate:
 - a) after the notification referred to in paragraph 3 and every five years thereafter the conformity of the notified sampling plans with the criteria and requirements mentioned in paragraph 2
 - b) the conformity of any amendments to a sampling plan referred to in paragraph 3 with the criteria and requirements mentioned in paragraph 2.
3. The Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries shall make recommendations, where appropriate, for improving the sampling plan.

Article 70
Specific management measures

Where a recreational fishery is found by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries to have a significant impact on a stock subject to a recovery plan, it shall make the necessary recommendations for specific management measures as referred to in Article 55(4) of the Control Regulation.