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**PROPOSAL TO AMEND ICCAT RECOMMENDATION 17-04 ON A HARVEST CONTROL RULE
FOR NORTH ATLANTIC ALBACORE SUPPLEMENTING THE MULTIANNUAL
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME, REC. 16-06,
AS AMENDED BY RECOMMENDATION 20-04**

(Submitted by the European Union and the United Kingdom)

Explanatory note

The purpose of this note is to provide a brief explanation of a joint proposal by the EU and the UK to amend ICCAT Recommendation 17-04 (as amended by Rec. 20-04) to reflect the provisions of The Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the UK and the EU (hereafter “the TCA”) that established those two parties’ respective shares of North Atlantic albacore tuna.

The relevant provisions of the TCA were first notified to ICCAT CPCs via Circulars #1357/21 and #1400/21. To give effect to those provisions for 2022 and beyond (until such time as changes to the formal allocation key are possible), the EU and UK jointly proposes to amend ICCAT Recommendation 17-04.

We emphasise that the proposed changes will not impact other CPCs’ shares and will not lead to the total allocation of the EU and UK combined exceeding the EU’s previous allocation. In other words, the share of quota the UK has agreed with the EU comes solely from the EU.

This is not a re-opening of the allocation process; it is merely updating ICCAT measures to reflect a bilateral agreement between two sovereign Parties.

Any change to the Total Allowable Catch for North Atlantic albacore tuna for 2022 will be reflected in proportionate adjustments to the figures in the table in the proposal, prior to submission to the Commission for adoption. Any changes to TACs and quotas for subsequent years would also lead to similar adjustments via further amendments to the relevant ICCAT Recommendations, but these would not change the UK – EU sharing agreement.

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CONSIDERING the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union which transfers a portion of the allocation of certain ICCAT species from the European Union to the United Kingdom following withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union;

NOTING that the total allocation of these two CPCs combined remains unchanged;

DESIROUS of correctly reflecting the allocations in the ICCAT Conservation and Management measures;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

The following amendments shall be made to Rec. 17-04 (as amended by Rec. 20-04):

1. Paragraph 8 shall be replaced with:

“8. Taking into account paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, a TAC of 37,801 t is established for 2021 and a TAC of [tbc] is established for 2022. These TACs are allocated among the CPCs as follows:

<i>CPC</i>	<i>Quota (t) for 2021</i>	<i>Quota (t) for 2022</i>
European Union*	29,095.1	[tbc]
Chinese Taipei	4,416.9	[tbc]
United States	711.5	[tbc]
Venezuela	337.5	[tbc]

*The European Union is authorised to transfer 434.04 t from its quota in 2021, and 1.52% of its quota prior to any adjustments made under paragraph 7 of Rec 16-06, in following years to the United Kingdom.

The allocation scheme shall be reviewed and amended, as appropriate, at the 2021 Commission meeting.

Chinese Taipei is authorized to transfer 200 t of North Atlantic albacore to Belize for 2021.”