

**Priority question for written answer P-002905/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 144

Ton Diepeveen (Pfe)

Subject: Deferral of delegated and implementing acts under the Fisheries Control Regulation

The Commission is currently working on delegated and implementing acts under the Fisheries Control Regulation covering key issues such as fishing licences, gear definitions, tracking systems, fishing infringements (including forced labour) and weighing procedures. However, concerns have been raised about the feasibility and proportionality of these measures.

1. Member States have only been given four working days to review more than 60 pages of complex measures. Why is there such haste to implement these measures, given the transition to a new Commission and the fact that many of them are not pressing?
2. How does the Commission intend to reconcile the additional operational and administrative burden that these measures will entail for fishing businesses with the objective of reducing the administrative burden on businesses by 30 % and why, in this context, has no delegated act been proposed, for example, to exempt certain catches of demersal stocks from the requirement for separate stowage¹?
3. How does the Commission justify the inclusion of new provisions, such as those on weighing procedures, which go beyond the mandate laid down in Regulation (EU) 2023/2842?

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¹ Article 44(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 2023/2842.