

**Question for written answer E-002297/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Landing obligation - Common Fisheries Policy

Article 15(11) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy stipulates that 'for the species subject to the landing obligation as specified in paragraph 1, the use of catches of species below the minimum conservation reference size shall be restricted to purposes other than direct human consumption, including fish meal, fish oil, pet food, food additives, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics'.

However, some parties in the fishing and scientific sectors believe that, in authorising their use in products for human consumption or the biotechnology sector, 'discarded' fish products could be reclaimed or be managed more efficiently and thus minimise waste management costs for fishermen.

1. What is the Commission's view of the restriction on the use of species subject to the landing obligation as specified in Article 15(1) to purposes other than direct human consumption, including fish meal, fish oil, pet food, food additives, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics, as laid down in Article 15(11) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy?
2. Will it authorise their use for human consumption, the biotechnology sector and other purposes?