

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1503/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Refusal to provide lists of deep-sea and demersal fish species

In its answer to Written Question E-0885/04¹ the Commission refused to provide an exhaustive list, indicating scientific names and common designations, of species classified as:

- deep-sea species (designation used in Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002²) and deepwater fish (designation used in Regulation (EC) No 1639/2001³);
- demersal species (designation used in Regulation (EC) No 2027/95⁴) and non-deep-sea demersal species (designation used in Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003⁵);
- pelagic species (designation used in Regulation (EC) No 1639/2001).

The Commission merely reproduced the only lists which had already been published, in Annexes I and II to Regulation No 2347/2002.

If there are other lists, can the Commission explain how it can justify keeping them secret, and on what legal basis?

If there are no such lists, does the Commission realise that their absence renders a large part of the above regulations meaningless?

¹ OJ C .

² OJ L 351, 28.12.2002, p. 6.

³ OJ L 222, 17.8.2001, p. 53.

⁴ OJ L 199, 24.8.1995, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 289, 7.11.2003, p. 1.