

**Question for written answer E-000278/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Additional question on the emergency measure adopted by France to ban fishing in the Bay of Biscay

In question P-00254/2024, we referred to the emergency measure put in place by the French Government to ban fishing in the Bay of Biscay in order to protect small cetaceans and the fact that it could infringe Article 13 of the CFP Regulation. That measure entered into force on 22 January 2024.

The measure is disproportionate and indiscriminate as it does not exclude from the fishing ban vessels equipped with acoustic devices (pingers) that deter small cetaceans or other tools that prevent or mitigate interaction with these animals. Does the Commission not believe that the measure could be rejected on these grounds, too?

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