

Recommendation 116 of 10-06-2021

on the use of the Species list

The Fisheries Control Experts Group – ERS (Electronic Recording and reporting System) and Data Management Working group,

Taking into account that:

- (1) the content of the FAO Species code list is available on MDR¹ (called MDR Species list in this document).
- (2) the AFSIS list of the FAO is taken as reference for the MDR Species list.
- (3) The MDR Species list based on the AFSIS 2020 has been published in February 2021 in urgency to allow some Member states to report new AFSIS species. This publication has not been endorsed by a recommendation.
- (4) the AFSIS list of the FAO published in 2020 introduces changes compared to the Species list:
 - a. 103 new species have been added;
 - b. 3 species have been removed. One of them, the CTS species, is frequently reported in catch reports by ESP, FRA, GRC, ITA, NLD and PRT;
 - c. the scientific name of 3 species has been modified;
 - d. the French name of 2 species has been modified.

Recommends:

1. to adopt with this recommendation the new 2020 AFSIS list of the FAO as the MDR Species list.
2. to set the start date of the new species to '2021-02-15', date when the list was updated on MDR;
3. to set the end date of the CTS species on '2021-12-14' to allow Member states reporting that species to adapt their reporting system.

¹ MDR Europa: https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/control/codes_en