



**COMPARISON BETWEEN EU REGULATIONS 2347/2002 and 734/2008 ON
MANAGEMENT OF DEEP-SEA FISH STOCKS**

	EC. 2347/2002	EC. 734/2008
Scope	- ICES sub areas I to XIV inclusive - Community waters of CEEAF areas 34.1.1, 34.1.2, 34.1.3, 34.2	High seas, not under any RFMOs.
Deep-Sea Species	List in Annex 1	No definition
Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems	No definition	Reefs, seamounts, hydrothermal vents, colds water corals or cold water sponge beds
Deep-Sea Fishing Permit	- For vessels fishing more than 10t/y of deep-sea species. - For other vessels: maximum of deep-sea catch per trip: 100 kg. - For seasonal and traditional fisheries, possible exceptions.	For all vessels if detailed fishing plans and impact assessments provided.
Detailed fishing plan	- Absence, only necessary to report fishing gear characteristics and fishing operations.	Location and depth, targeted species, type of gears, configuration of the bathymetric profile.
Impact assessments	No regulation	- Evaluation of the impact on VMEs - Localization of VMEs with best scientific and technical information available - Independent scientific peer review - When adverse impact forecast, amendments or interdiction.
Unassessed areas	No regulation	Bottom gears prohibited
Unforeseen encounters with VMEs	No regulation	- Immediately cease fishing - Resume at 5 miles away - Report encounters
Area Closures	No regulation	For occurrence or likelihood of VME in an area.
Effort Restriction	No higher than aggregate volume/power of 1998, 1999 or 2000.	No regulation
Vessel Monitoring System	- Yes - If technical failure, report every two hours the geographical situation. - No leaving of the port when dysfunctional system.	Same regulation
Serious infringements	- For VMS	- For VMS, unassessed areas, unforeseen encounters. - For conditions for validity
Designated port	- Designated port for landing more than 100kg of deep sea species - Inspection and surveillance for these ports	No regulation
Observers	- For each vessel with a fishing permit - Scientific observers - Report: fishing gear characteristics and fishing operations, sampling plan.	- For each vessel with a fishing permit - Report: catch information, alterations of the fishing plan, unforeseen encounters, depths of gears.