

**Question for written answer E-000589/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Asger Christensen (Renew)

Subject: Coherence and proportionality of Remote Electronic Monitoring-based control under Regulation (EU) 2023/2842

Regulation (EU) 2023/2842¹ mandates the use of remote electronic monitoring (REM) systems to monitor and enforce compliance with the landing obligation, thereby introducing an additional layer of fisheries control on top of existing regulatory mechanisms. REM-based control is specifically designed to support the common fisheries policy (CFP) reform's fundamental requirement of full catch accountability. However, the Control Regulation² also contains multiple other control instruments that seek, directly or indirectly, to ensure compliance with the same CFP objectives. Available evidence and practical experience suggest that this cumulative 'belt-and-braces' approach risks creating unnecessary regulatory complexity, legal ambiguity, and inefficiencies that may undermine both enforcement, effectiveness and proportionality.

1. Will the Commission produce a report outlining a coherent and streamlined control framework for fully documented fisheries based on REM systems?
2. Will the Commission assess and compare such a REM-based framework with the current multi-layered control regime in terms of simplicity and effectiveness, in relation to the landing obligation?
3. Will the Commission consider launching pilot projects or trials to test a control model for vessels fully equipped with REM systems?

Submitted: 11.2.2026

¹ OJ L, 2023/2842, 20.12.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2842/oj>.

² OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/625/oj>.