

**Question for written answer E-003711/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: The Danish mussel industry

The Danish mussel industry is currently facing significant challenges in the wake of the implementation of the revised Fisheries Control Regulation. According to the Danish authorities, the previous sampling scheme can no longer be used, and yet a new sampling plan – which needs to be approved by both the Danish Environmental Protection Agency and the European Commission – is not expected to be in place until 2027. This situation is causing significant uncertainty for fishers and processing firms, with shutdowns and job losses on the cards as a result of an administrative vacuum.

1. Was it the Commission's intention for the implementation of the revised Fisheries Control Regulation to result in a transitional period during which the existing sampling scheme can no longer be used, and no new scheme can yet be approved and implemented?
2. Since some of the new control provisions were enforced only as of 10 July 2026, what is the Commission's justification for the fact that the previous scheme cannot be maintained until a new sampling plan can enter into force?
3. Will the Commission bring in a temporary transitional solution or other flexible approach to allow mussel fishing to continue without unnecessary administrative obstacles?

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