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**Question for written answer E-000266/25
to the Commission
Giuseppe Antoci (The Left)
(22 January 2025)**

Subject: Designation of the Port of Licata under Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008

The Port of Licata is located on the south-west coast of Sicily, very close to the countries of North Africa (Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria), with a high number of fishing vessels.

The port plays a vital role in supporting the local economy and ensuring compliance with the European regulations on safety and sustainable fisheries.

In addition, it is equipped with the facilities and equipment needed to carry out maintenance work on fishing vessels of all categories.

Designating the Port of Licata an authorised port for landings and transshipment operations of fishery products, within the meaning of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, would not only ensure efficient vessel maintenance, but would, above all, support businesses and workers, both direct and indirectly.

The decision on which ports to designate lies with the Member States, which have to send the Commission an updated list of those ports each year.

In view of the above:

1. Have the Italian authorities already informed the Commission of the designated ports under Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 for 2025?
2. In light of the Port of Licata's characteristics and infrastructures, does the Commission consider it suitable for inclusion in the list of designated ports under Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008?

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**Answer given by Mr Kadis on behalf of the European Commission
(28 February 2025)**

1. All Member States, including Italy, have submitted the list of designated ports authorised for landing and transshipment of fisheries products for 2025, in compliance with Article 5(3) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 ⁽¹⁾.
2. It is up to the Member States' authorities to determine if the ports in their territories are suitable for inclusion in the list of designated ports under Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008. Italian authorities have not designated the Port of Licata as designated port in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1005/oj/eng>