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Answer given by Mr Kadis  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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Informal targeted consultations of stakeholders have already started and will be followed by a public consultation, planned for the first half of 2026. A technical meeting with Member States experts is scheduled for the first quarter of 2026.

The Commission underlines that compliance with Article 58(6) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2842<sup>1</sup> operates independently of the adoption of any supplementing legislation. Moreover, the co-legislators did not envisage any mandatory use of the empowerment under Article 58(12) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009<sup>2</sup>.

The obligation to make information available ‘in a digital way’ is formulated broadly, allowing compliance through a range of means that enable digital data transmission.

Finally, the Commission does not have the power, through delegated legislation, to postpone the 2026 implementation deadline established by the co-legislators in Regulation (EU) 2023/2842. The Commission will continue working with stakeholders and Member States to develop supplementary rules that can support them and further harmonise and simplify the traceability framework, without undermining the policy objectives of the revised fisheries control regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2842/oj/eng>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/1224/oj/eng>.