

EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY





MARKING OF PASSIVE GEARS. TURBOT GILLNETS



and Beam Trawlers



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Article 8. Marking of the fishing gear

The master of a fishing vessel shall respect **conditions and restrictions** relating to the marking and identification of fishing vessels and their gear.



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Article 9. **General rules for passive gears** and beam trawls

1. The **provisions** contained in **Articles 9 to 12** of this Regulation shall apply to **Union fishing vessels fishing in all Union waters (MS Territorial and EEZ waters)** and the **provisions** contained in **Articles 13 to 17** of this Regulation to Union waters outside 12 nautical miles (**MS EEZ**) measured from the base lines of the coastal Member States.
2. **Prohibited in Union waters** to carry out fishing activities with **passive gear, buoys,** and beam trawls, which are **not marked and identifiable in accordance with the provisions of Articles 10 to 17** of this Regulation.
3. **Prohibited in Union waters** to carry on board:
 - (a) **beams of a beam trawl** which do not display the external registration letters and numbers in accordance with Article 10 of this Regulation;
 - (b) **passive gear** which is **not labelled in accordance with Article 11(2)** of this Regulation;
 - (c) **buoys** which are **not marked in accordance with Article 13(2)** of this Regulation.



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Article 10. Rules for beam trawls

The master of a Union fishing vessel or his representative shall ensure that **each assembled beam trawl carried on board or used for fishing clearly displays the external registration letters and numbers of that fishing vessel on the beam** of each beam trawl assembly





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Article 11. Rules for passive gear (TERRITORIAL WATERS AND EEZ)

1. The master of a Union fishing vessel or his representative shall ensure that **each passive gear carried on board or used for fishing is clearly marked and identifiable in accordance with the provisions of this Article.**

2. Each passive gear used for fishing shall **permanently display the external registration letters and numbers displayed on the hull of the fishing vessel to which it belongs: HOW?**

(a) for nets, on a **label** attached to the upper first row;

(b) for lines and long lines, on a label at the point of contact with the mooring buoy;

(c) for pots and traps, on a label attached to the ground rope;

(d) for passive gear extending more than 1 nautical mile, on labels attached in accordance with (a), (b) and (c) at regular intervals not exceeding 1 nautical mile so that no part of the passive gear extending more than 1 nautical mile shall be left unmarked.



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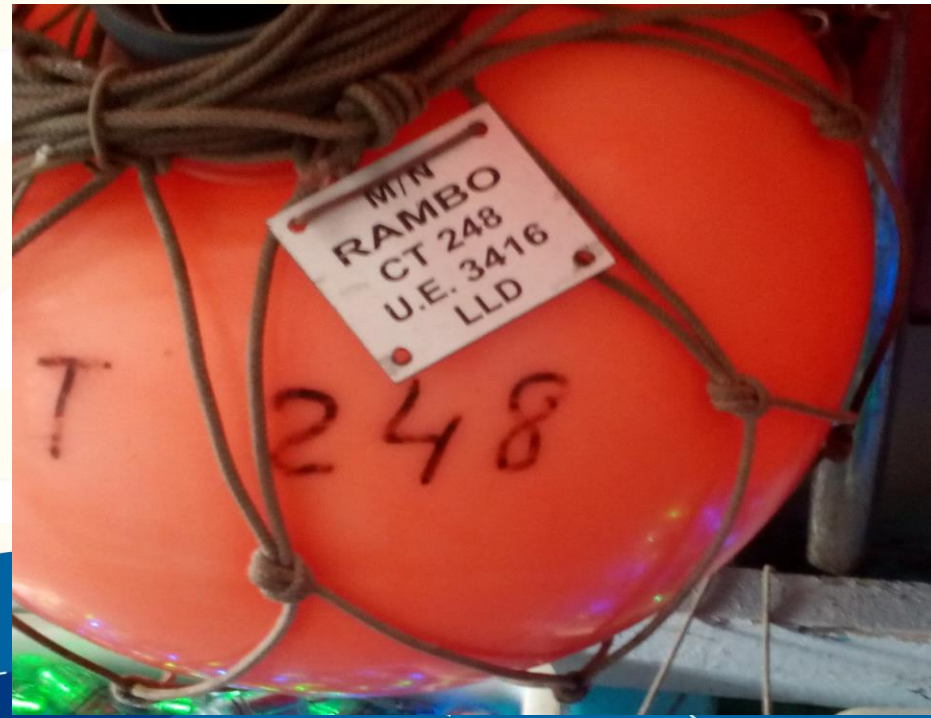


Article 12. Rules for labels (TERRITORIAL WATERS AND EEZ)

1. Each label shall be:

- (a) made of **durable material**;
- (b) **securely fitted** to the gear;
- (c) **at least 65 millimetres broad**;
- (d) **at least 75 millimetres long**.

2. The label shall **not be removable, effaced, altered, legible, covered or concealed**.





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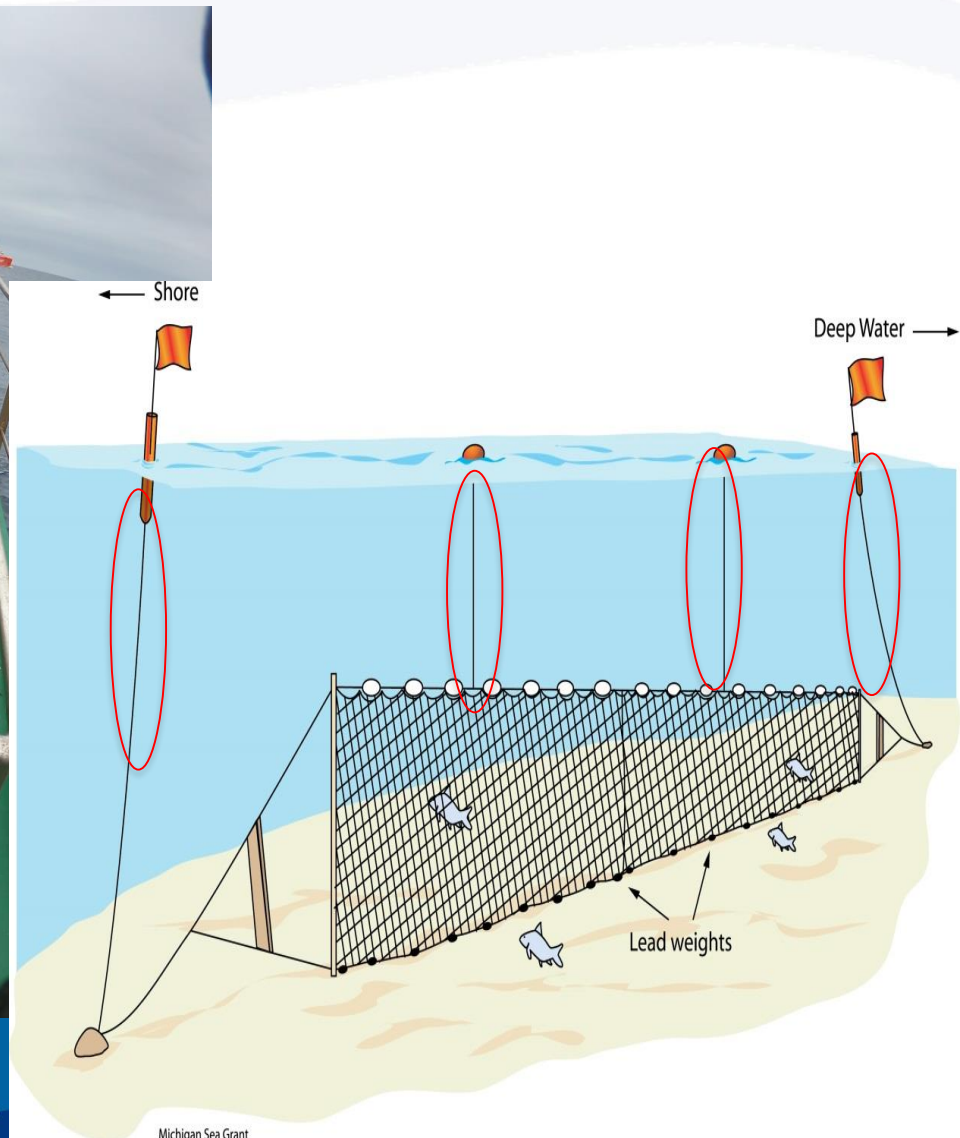
Article 13. Rules for buoys (EEZ)

1. The master of a Union fishing vessel or his representative shall ensure that **two end marker buoys and intermediary marker buoys**, rigged in **accordance with Annex IV**, are fixed to each passive gear used for fishing and are deployed in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
2. **Each end marker buoy** and intermediary buoy **shall display the external registration letters and numbers displayed on the hull of the** Union fishing **vessel** to which they belong and which has deployed such buoys as follows:
 - (a) letters and numbers shall be displayed as high above the water as possible so as to be clearly visible;
 - (b) in a colour contrasting with the surface on which they are displayed.
3. The letters and numbers displayed on the marker buoy shall not be effaced, altered or allowed to become illegible.

Article 14. Rules for cords (EEZ)

1. The **cords linking the buoys** to the passive gear shall be of **submersible material**, or shall be weighted down.
2. The cords linking the end marker buoys to each gear shall be fixed at the ends of that gear.

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Article 15. Rules for end marker buoys (EEZ)

1. **End marker buoys** shall be deployed so that **each end of the gear may be determined at any time**.
2. **The mast of each end marker buoy** shall have a **height of at least 1 metre above the sea level** measured from the top of the float to the lower edge of the bottom most flag.
3. **End marker buoys shall be coloured**, but may not be red or green.
4. Each end marker buoy **shall include**:
 - (a) one or two rectangular flag(s); where two flags are required on the same buoy, the distance between them shall be at least 20 centimetres flags indicating the extremities of the same gear shall be of the same colour and may not be white and shall be of the same size;
 - (b) one or two light(s), which shall be yellow and give one flash each 5 seconds (F1 Y 5s), and be visible from a minimum distance of 2 nautical miles.
5. Each end marker buoy **may include a top sign on the top of the buoy** with one or two striped luminous bands which shall be neither red nor green and shall be at least 6 centimetres broad.



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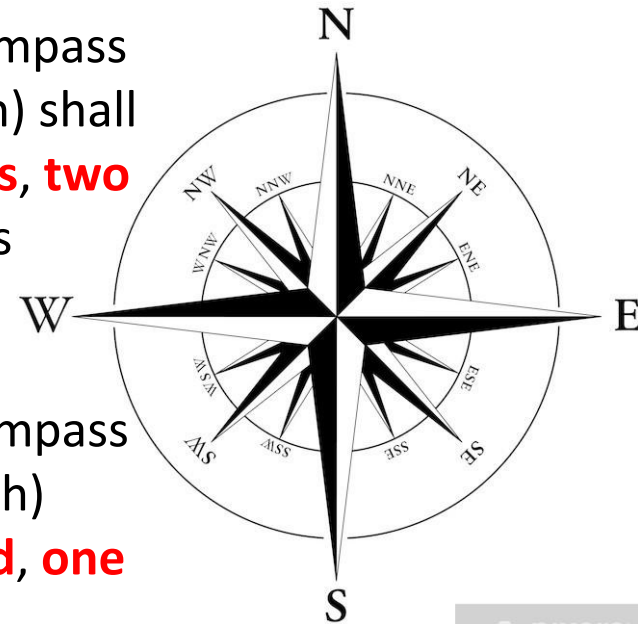


Article 16. Rules for fixing of end marker buoys (EEZ)

1. End marker buoys shall be fixed to passive gear in the following way:

(a) the **buoy in the western sector** (meaning the half compass circle from south through west to and including north) shall be rigged with **two flags, two striped luminous bands, two lights and a label** in accordance with Article 12 of this Regulation;

(b) the **buoy in the eastern sector** (meaning the half compass circle from north through east to and including the south) shall be rigged with **one flag one striped luminous band, one light and a label** in accordance with Article 12 of this Regulation.





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Article 17. **Intermediary marker buoys**

1. **Intermediary marker buoys shall be fixed to passive gear extending more than 5 nautical miles** as follows:

(a) intermediary marker buoys shall be **deployed at distances of not more than 5 nautical miles** so that no part of the gear extending 5 nautical miles or more shall be left unmarked;

(b) intermediary marker buoys shall be fitted with a **flashing light** which shall be yellow and give one flash every 5 seconds (F1 Y 5s) and be visible from a minimum distance of 2 nautical miles. They shall have the same characteristics as those of the end marker buoy in the eastern sector, except that the flag shall be white.

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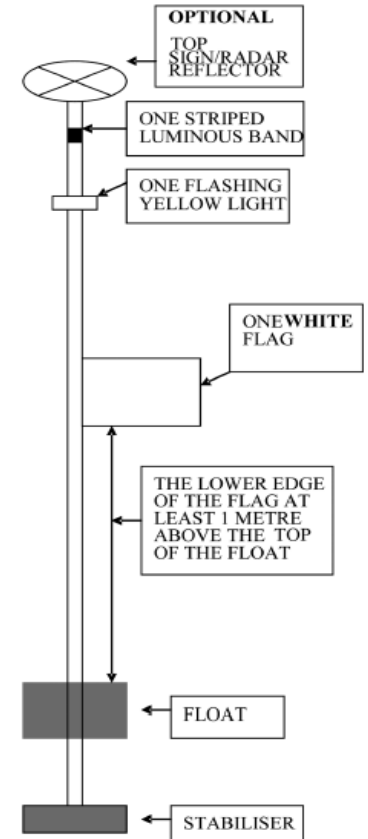
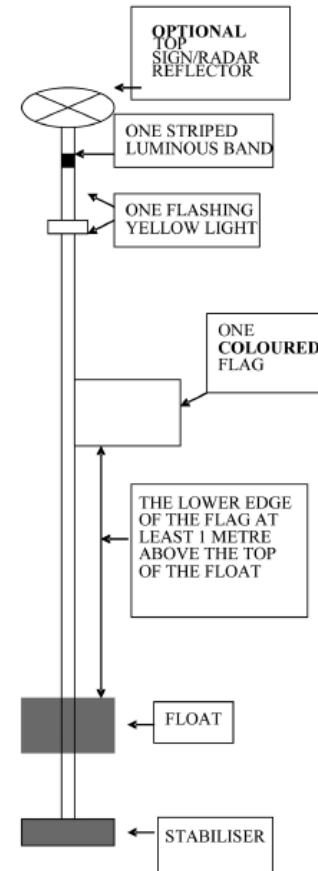
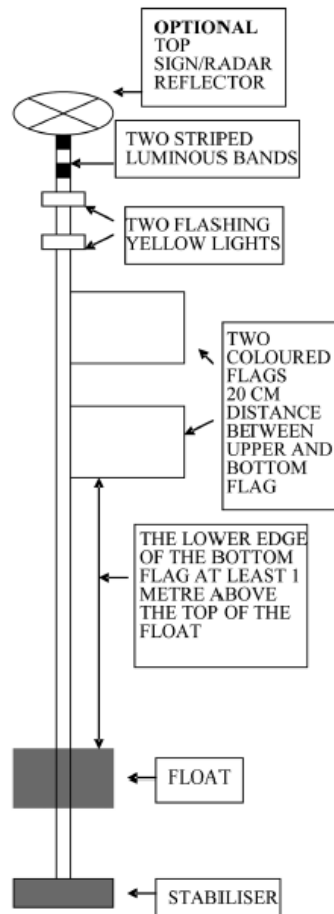
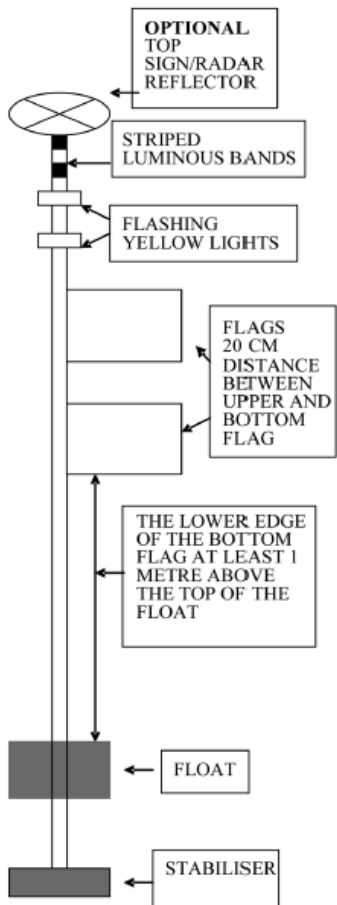
ANNEX IV

CHARACTERISTICS OF MARKER BUOYS

WESTERN END MARKER BUOYS

EASTERN END MARKER BUOYS

INTERMEDIARY MARKER BUOYS



Thank you for your attention

