

Règlementation pertinente pour la pêche petits pélagiques, selon site Internet MPEM et rapport FITI version Dec. 2023

Regulation	Date	Subject	Requirements
Management / fisheries regulations including transition to human consumption			
Décret 372	4/2/20	Regulations for landing to fishmeal	Overtaken by subsequent rules, but notes that courbine is not permitted for fishmeal, which is not covered elsewhere
Arrêté 1162	10/11/22	Zonage	Sets out authorised fishing zones for different types of concession for small pelagics (artisanale, cotière different segments, hauturière)
Arrêté 643	26/5/21	Small pelagic regulations	<p><u>Vessels</u>: Must have suitable sanitary facilities on board – either RSW or on ice in boxes; requirement for new vessels – existing ones have derogation of 3 months to put this in place; quota per concession expressed as proportion of the TAC; RSW landings not to exceed 60% of hold capacity [but see below] and must take into account freezing capacity available for species not authorised for fishmeal; tolerance for error in logbook reporting relative to controls on landing is 10% per species or species group;</p> <p><u>Landings</u>: Landing, handling and transport conditions must conform to normes sanitaires; only two landings per week permitted due to limited control resources and freezing capacity (more can be authorised by the Minister)</p> <p><u>Factories</u>: Must respect cahier des charges. Horse mackerel, mackerel, mullet jaune and sardinelle ronde ‘particulièrement interdit pour la production de farine’. Any product unfit for human consumption may go to fishmeal if accompanied by a document or label from Direction General d’Exploitation des Ressources Halieutiques or other service mandated by the Ministry, which must state concession ID, species, quantity, statement that unfit for human consumption, stamped by ONISPA. Non-respect is ‘infraction grave’ leading to suspension of activities for up to 30 days.</p>
Arrêté 1128	30/9/21	Small pelagic regulations (adjustments to 643)	Adjusts requirements for RSW vessels: allows other equivalent system; maximum hold capacity fixed according to the capacity of the refrigerated water system
Arrêté 465	23/5/22	Additions to regulations in 1128	Fresh small pelagics must be landed fit for human consumption. Landings must be traceable so each vessel and processor must keep a register of each consignment; fishmeal factories must be able to justify their supply of fish at all times. The entire catch of horse mackerel, mackerel, sardinellas and ethmalose must go to human consumption. For sardine landings 20% must be frozen. A signed contract with a freezer plan must be provided. Vessels landing to sardine canning may fish sardines ≥ 12 cm, others only sardine

			>=16cm. Inadequate record-keeping by fishmeal factories may result in suspension or removal of their authorisation.
Arrêté 1128	7/11/22	Validation of management plan	Brings small pelagic management plan into implementation
Lettre circulaire 15	15/7/22	Acceleration of the trajectory towards human consumption	Circular 7/2016 authorised 10 kt of whole fish per factory per year for fishmeal, to be reduced 15% each year for 4 years. Therefore the maximum is 4 kt per factory for 2023. [Actually it should be 5220 t, but never mind]
Lettre circulaire 26	29/12/22	Authorisation of vessel chartering for 2023	Only permitted for human consumption; must have appropriate preservation facilities on board and contract with processor/freezer factory. Must have quota allocation and legal paperwork.
Normes sanitaires			
Arrêté 15/2019	15/1/19	Modification of arrêté 2860/2006 on controls on exports to EU	Aligning sanctions for infractions during EU export controls with those set out in the Code de la Pêche (article 91)
Arrêté 16/2019	15/1/19	Application des règles sanitaires pour produits non-destinés à la consommation humaine	Normes microbiologiques ; ethoxyquinine banned from end 2019
Arrêté 293/2021	19/3/21	Regulation of conditions of transport for fisheries products	Defines the requirements for vehicles to transport fisheries products, such that they protect the fish from contamination, dust etc.; can be cleaned; can be kept to temperature (temperature requirements defined for chilled and frozen for different products); they must be cleaned regularly; must be reserved for fish specifically (some exceptions); must be separation of raw and processed products; fresh fish for human consumption must be transported in suitable boxes on ice; requirements for vehicles transport fish for non-human consumption also fixed, and these should be cleaned after each use. Vehicles must have an ONISPA sanitary certificate, plus a certificate of origin of the product.
Lettre circulaire 1078	28/12/21	Conditions to apply to authorised vessels for small pelagics	Vessels must conform to requirements for hygiene and quality on board; vessel captains and concession holders held responsible if fish is landed unfit for human consumption; non-respect is a 'faute grave', penalty 30 day fishing ban in addition to those required by the réglementation – longer for repeat offences.
Lettre circulaire 177	28/12/21	Valorisation	Trying to increase freezing capacity available for fisheries products
Data / reporting			

Arrêté 264/2018	9/4/18	Journal de pêche and catch declaration	Revised forms (in annex, separate for vessels with and without deck) ; logbook to be completed daily and provided to GCM at the end of each trip, with copy to IMROP; also reporting form for factories, stockage and auctions
Lettre circulaire 24	28/10/20	Data from factories	App for uploading data; factories should appoint a point focal to be responsible for data; data should be consultable online in real time by the MPEM
Concessions / licences			
Décret 2023/046	10/2/23	Attribution of small pelagic quota	Payment per tonne fished: 50 MRU plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 MRU per t for undecked vessel with Mauritanian flag and crew • 225 for decked vessel with Mauritanian flag and crew • 325 with Mauritanian flag but crew not 100% Mauritanian • 475 for foreign charter vessel To be paid at latest 5 days after month of landing
Arrêté 28	13/1/16	Fishing licences	Defines what should be on different types of fishing licences
Arrêté 1724	3/12/16	Concessions	Defines different concessions and what gears and catch authorised for each (e.g. pêche cotière pélagique, different types of seine plus pelagic trawl for the largest, individual quota allocation)
Lettre circulaire 7	5/5/21	Mise en exploitation d'un quota	Defines when a quota is considered to be 'under exploitation' (bare boat charter contract not sufficient)
Lettre circulaire 10	10/3/22	Chartering of pirogues	Maximum 5 seines for an operator with a processing plant or three if not; pirogues must be Mauritanian flagged, have or be eligible for quota and provide catch statistics
Lettre circulaire 20	12/8/22	Deposit for concessionaires	Concessionaires pêche cotière pélagique to pay a deposit against the amount payable per tonne on landings from their quota, to be reimbursed from these
Social			
Arrêté 530	8/6/22	Documentation to flag a vessel as Mauritanian	Among others includes safety and pollution certificates
Circulaire 25	2/12/20	Safety at sea	All vessels must have on board l'ensemble des titres validés de sécurité; regular maintenance of vessels including installation of safety equipment; must have sufficient rescue and survival equipment in working order; must provide the captain with the necessary means to comply with the regulations; must inform the authorities of any defects which might impact worker safety.
Circulaire 26	2/12/20	Foreign crew members	All vessels with a derogation for foreign crew members must submit a Mauritanisation plan to the Marchand Marine by 20/12/20, as well as the titres navigation and contracts of

			all foreign crew members, after which they will be given work permits for the duration specified in the plan.
Circulaire 6	25/2/22	Foreign crew members	All vessels with a concession 'regime national' should have Mauritanian crew, but if qualified personnel cannot be found foreigners may be employed by derogation, for a payment of 70 k MRU per year per crew member