With respect to Investment liberalisation – Market access, National treatment and Cross-border trade in services – Market access, National treatment:

In **SE**: Professional fishing is fishing with a professional fishing licence or fishing by foreign fishermen holding a specific permit to fish professionally in Swedish territorial waters or in the Swedish economic zone. A professional fishing licence may be given to a fisherman for whom fishing is essential to his living and where the fishing has a connection to the Swedish fishing industry. A connection to Swedish fishing industry could for example be demonstrated if the fishermen lands half his catch during a calendar year (in value) in Sweden, if half the fishing trips depart from a Swedish harbour or half of the fishermen in the fleet are domiciled in Sweden.

For vessels over five meters, a vessel permit is needed together with the professional fishing licence. A permit is granted if, among other things, the vessel is registered in the national registry, the vessel has a real economic connection to Sweden, the permit holder is a fisherman with a professional fishing licence and if the commander of the vessel is a fisherman with a professional fishing licence.

The commander of a fishing vessel over 20 gross tonnages shall be a national of a Member State of the EEA. Exemptions may be granted by the Swedish Transport Agency.

A ship shall be deemed Swedish and can carry the Swedish flag if more than half is owned by Swedish citizens or juridical persons. The Government may permit foreign vessels to fly the Swedish flag where their operations are under Swedish control or the owner can demonstrate that he has his permanent residency in Sweden. Vessels which are 50 per cent owned by nationals of a Member State of the EEA or companies having their registered office, central administration or principal place of business in the EEA and whose operation is controlled from Sweden, may also be registered in the Swedish register (ISIC Rev. 3.1 0501, 3.1 0502, CPC 882).

Measures:
SE: Maritime Law (1994:1009);
Fisheries Act (1993:787);
Ordinance for fishing, aquaculture and the fishing industry (1994:1716);
The Fishing Regulations of the National Board of Fisheries (2004:25); and
The Ship Security Regulation (2003:438).