

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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AMENDMENT OF THE
PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY SYSTEM FOR THE CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES
(COM(78) 5 of 16 January, 1978)

(presented by the Commission to the Council, pursuant to
the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This proposed Regulation, submitted pursuant to Article 149 paragraph 2 of the EEC Treaty, contains the modifications to be made to the amended proposal for a Regulation establishing a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources (COM (78) 5 final of 16 January 1978), in order to take account of the criteria for a fair distribution of catches among the Member States which were set out in the Council Declaration of 30 May 1980 on the Common Fisheries Policy.

New redaction

Article 4

1. Where, in accordance with Article 3, a total allowable catch is fixed, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission shall each year determine the volume of the overall catch that may be taken by the Member States.

2. The volume of the catch as referred to in paragraph 1 shall be apportioned between the Member States by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission.

3. The fair distribution of catches, has regard most particularly :

- to traditional fishing activities ;
- to the special needs of regions where the local populations are particularly dependent upon fishing and the industries allied thereto, among others Ireland, Greenland and the northern parts of the United Kingdom ;
- to the loss of catch potential in third country waters.

4. The provisions of this article shall apply until 31 December 1982. The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 43, paragraph 2 of the Treaty, shall adopt the provisions to be applied after that date in the light of experience and of the results of the conservation policy.