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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending, for the 4th time, Regulation (EC) No. 3074/95  
fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for  
1996 and certain conditions under which they may be fished**

(presented by the Commission)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The objective of the present proposal is to fix fishing possibilities for certain stocks of fish and to allocate these equitably to Member States. The fixing and the sharing of possibilities for fishing falls exclusively within the competence of the Community and arises from obligations set out in Article 8(4) of Regulation (EEC) n° 3760/92 of the Council of 20 December 1992<sup>1</sup>, establishing a Community regime for fishing and aquaculture.

Within the framework of the bilateral consultations on the reciprocal fishing rights between the Community and Norway, the Community share for North Sea plaice has been increased and the part of the TAC of blue whiting available to Norway in areas Vb (EC zone), VI and VII has been increased.

Within the framework of the bilateral consultations on the reciprocal fishing rights between the Community and Poland, the Community share for Baltic cod has been decreased.

This proposal intends to address these matters by modifying Council Regulation (EC) N° 3074/95.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture<sup>1</sup> as amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas under the terms of Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 it is incumbent upon the Council to establish the total allowable catches (TACs) by fishery or group of fisheries;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No. 3074/95<sup>2</sup> fixes, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the TACs for 1996 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;

Whereas, within the framework of the bilateral consultations on the reciprocal fishing rights between the Community and Norway, the Community share for North Sea plaice has been increased and the part of the TAC of blue whiting available to Norway in areas Vb (EC zone), VI and VII has been increased;

Whereas, within the framework of the bilateral consultations on the reciprocal fishing rights between the Community and Poland, the Community share for Baltic cod has been decreased;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No. 3074/95, lastly amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1602/96<sup>3</sup>, should therefore be amended accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. No L 389, of 31.12.1992, p.1

<sup>2</sup> O.J. No L 330, of 30.12.1995, p.1

<sup>3</sup> O.J. No L 198, of 08.08.1996, p.1

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The annex to this Regulation shall replace the corresponding elements of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 3074/95.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,  
The President

## ANNEX

<b>Species:</b>	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	<b>Zone:</b>	Ila (1), IV
België / Belgique	4900	(1)	Waters of the Community as constituted in 1994
Danmark	15920	(2)	Of which no more than 40 000 tonnes may be fished in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Norway.
Deutschland	4590		
Ellada			
España			
France	920		
Ireland			
Italia			
Luxembourg			
Nederland	30600		
Osterreich			
Portugal			
Suomi/Finland			
Sverige			
United Kingdom	22650		
EC (2)	79580		
TAC	81 000		
<b>Species:</b>	Blue whiting <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	<b>Zone:</b>	Vb(1), VI, VII
België / Belgique		(1)	Community waters.
Danmark		(2)	Of which 5000 tonnes may be fished either in ICES Divisions Vb(EC zone), VI, VII or VIIIa,b,d.
Deutschland		(3)	Available to all Member States, except Spain, Portugal, Sweden and Finland.
Ellada		(*)	Precautionary TAC
España	20000 (2)		
France			
Ireland			
Italia			
Luxembourg			
Nederland			
Osterreich			
Portugal	1500		
Suomi/Finland			
Sverige			
United Kingdom			
EC	47500 (3) 69000		
TAC	350000 (*)		
<b>Species:</b>	Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	<b>Zone:</b>	IIIbcd (1)
België / Belgique		(1)	Community waters
Danmark	45910	(2)	Excluding an additional 60 t of flatfish as bycatch in waters of the Community as constituted in 1994
Deutschland	20070	(3)	Of which, for Germany and Denmark together, no more than 1100 t may be fished in the Estonian zone, no more than 700 t in the Latvian zone, and no more than 700 t in the Lithuanian zone.
Ellada		(4)	Of which no more than 135 t may be fished in the Latvian zone
España			
France			
Ireland			
Italia			
Luxembourg			
Nederland			
Osterreich			
Portugal			
Suomi/Finland	2260 (4)		
Sverige	33895 (2)		
United Kingdom			
EC	102135 (3)		
TAC	103915		



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