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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3076/95 allocating, for 1996,
certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the
Norwegian exclusive economic zone and the fishing zone around Jan Mayen**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under the Agreement on fisheries between Sweden and Norway of 9 December 1976, Sweden enjoys, free of charge, certain fishing rights within the Norwegian exclusive economic zone south of 62°00'N.

In the autumn of 1995, consultations were held between the Community, on behalf of Sweden, and Norway in order to specify the relevant fishing rights for 1996. It was not possible to conclude these consultations because of Norway's insistence on too drastic a reduction in Swedish catch quotas. Therefore, Council Regulation (EC) No 3076/95 had to leave open the allocation of the corresponding catch quotas to Sweden.

Consultations continued in 1996 and proved to be protracted. They eventually led to a successful conclusion, on 5 July 1996, by way of which an agreement was reached on the following catch quotas to be allocated to Sweden in 1996:

- Cod: 460 tonnes)
- Haddock: 850 tonnes) 2,560 tonnes
- Saithe: 1,060 tonnes)
- Pollack and Whiting: 190 tonnes)
- Herring: 840 tonnes
- Mackerel: 240 tonnes
- Shrimp: 150 tonnes
- Industrial Species: 800 tonnes *
- Other Species: at a traditional level

* Of which no more than 400 tonnes of Horse Mackerel.

The objective of this proposal is to implement, at Community level, these agreed catch quotas and to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 3076/95 accordingly.

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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⁽¹⁾ 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 3076/95⁽²⁾ had to leave open the allocation of certain catch quotas to which Sweden is entitled under the Agreement on fisheries between the Kingdom of Sweden and the Kingdom of Norway of 9 December 1976;

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the aforementioned Agreement on fisheries of 9 December 1976, the Community, on behalf of Sweden, continued to hold consultations with Norway concerning the relevant fishing rights for 1996;

Whereas these consultations have been concluded and, consequently, it is now necessary to implement the agreed measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No 3076/95 shall be replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 330, 30.12.1995, p. 51.

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Norwegian waters for 1996, as referred to in Article 1

(Norwegian waters south of 62°00'N)

Species	ICES division	Community catch quotas	Quotas allocated to Member States
Norway pout ⁽¹⁾	IV	50,000	Denmark 47,500 ⁽²⁾ United Kingdom 2,500 ⁽³⁾
Sandeel	IV	150,000	Denmark 142,500 ⁽²⁾ United Kingdom 7,500 ⁽³⁾
Shrimp	IV	1,230	Denmark 1,080 Sweden 150
Other species	IV	11,000	Denmark 5,500 United Kingdom 4,125 Germany 620 Belgium 60 France 255 Netherlands 440 Sweden p.m. ⁽⁴⁾
Cod, haddock, saithe, pollack, whiting	IV	2,560	Sweden 2,560
Herring	IV	840	Sweden 840 ⁽⁵⁾
Mackerel	IV	240	Sweden 240 ⁽⁵⁾
Industrial species	IV	800	Sweden 800 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾

- (1) Including blue whiting and inextricably mixed horse mackerel.
- (2) Within a total quota for Norway pout and sandeel up to 38,000 tonnes may be interchanged upon request.
- (3) Within a total quota for Norway pout and sandeel up to 2,000 tonnes may be interchanged upon request.
- (4) Quota allocated by Norway to Sweden of "other species" at a traditional level.
- (5) By-catches of cod, haddock, saithe, pollack and whiting are to be counted against the quotas for these species.
- (6) Of which no more than 400 tonnes of horse mackerel.

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