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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

*amending Regulation (EEC) N° 189/92 adopting provisions for the application of certain control measures adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.*

(presented by the Commission)



## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

*At the 18th Annual General meeting of NAFO of 13-19 September 1996, the Fisheries Commission adopted and the European Community agreed to the introduction of new control measures applicable to Community fishing vessels operating in the NAFO Regulatory Area.*

*Among the measures agreed is a proposal requesting fishing vessels entering the NAFO Regulatory Area to report, via the current hail system, their target species.*

*The adoption of this proposal and the subsequent implementation of an amended hail system will assist the inspection at sea, generally strengthen the rules governing catch reporting in the NAFO Area and have been adopted in the context of the special control measures applicable to vessels participating in the shrimp fishery.*

*This amendment to the current hail system will not create any financial obligations for the Community nor significantly increase the financial and reporting obligations on Community fishing vessels operating in the NAFO Regulatory Area.*

**Draft Proposal Council Regulation (EC) N°**

**of**

**amending Regulation (EEC) N° 189/92 adopting provisions for the application of certain control measures adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,**

*Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,*

*Having regard to the proposal from the Commission<sup>(1)</sup>,*

*Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament<sup>(2)</sup>,*

*Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) N° 189/92<sup>(3)</sup> adopting provisions for the application of certain control measures adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO), requires Community fishing vessels to communicate to the Commission and simultaneously to their competent national authorities, certain information regarding their activities in the NAFO Regulatory Area;*

*Whereas the NAFO Fisheries Commission adopted a recommendation on 13 September 1996 to amend the hail system;*

*Whereas, pursuant to Article XI of the NAFO Convention, the recommendation has become binding upon the Community as from 13 November 1996;*

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<sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(3)</sup> O.J. L21 of 30.01.1992, p. 4.

*Whereas, it is therefore necessary to amend Regulation (EEC) N° 189/92, in order to oblige Community fishing vessels to comply with this new measure,*

*HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :*

**ARTICLE 1**

*To point 1.1 of the Annex to Regulation (EEC) N° 189/92 the following indent shall be added:*

*"-target species".*

**ARTICLE 2**

*This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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*

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