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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending, for the fourth time, Regulation (EC) No. 390/97
fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for
1997 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 1992¹, establishing a Community regime for fishing and aquaculture.

The allocation of catch restrictions in ICES area VIIe applied to the quotas of plaice in ICES divisions VII d,e is causing unnecessary distortions of the geographic pattern of activities of certain fleets. A reallocation of these restrictions is required in order to better reflect the recent patterns.

This proposal intends to address these matters by modifying Council Regulation (EC) N° 390/97².

1. O.J. No L389, 31.12.1992, p.1

2. O.J. N° L66, 6.3.1997, p.1, Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) N°xxx/97 (OJ N° Lxxx, xx.xx.1997, p. 1)

**Council Regulation (EC) No 197 of 1997
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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 aquaculture¹ 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. 390/97² fixes, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the TACs for 1997 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;

whereas the allocation of catch restrictions in ICES area VIIe applied to the quotas of plaice in ICES divisions VII d,e is causing unnecessary distortions of the geographic pattern of activities of certain fleets; whereas a reallocation of these restrictions is required in order to better reflect the recent patterns;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No. 390/97 should therefore be amended accordingly,

¹ O.J. No L 389, of 31.12.1992, p.1

² O.J. N° L66, 6.3.1997, p.1, Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) N°xxx/97 (OJ N° Lxxx, xx.x.1997, 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 390/97.

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

Species:	Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone: VIIe
België / Belgique	1 130 (1)	(1) Of which no more than 30 t may be fished in Division VIIe
Danmark		(2) Of which no more than 180 t may be fished in Division VIIe
Deutschland		(3) Of which no more than 880 t may be fished in Division VIIe
Ellada		
España		
France	3 780 (2)	
Ireland		
Italia		
Luxembourg		
Nederland		
Osterreich		
Portugal		
Suomi/Finland		
Sverige		
United Kingdom	2 010 (3)	
EC	6 920	
TAC	6 920	

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