# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES



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# Proposal for a

# **COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)**

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy

(presented by the Commission)



#### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Council Regulation (EC) No 779/97<sup>1</sup> introducing arrangements for the management of fishing effort in the Baltic Sea provides for the introduction on 1 January 1998 of arrangements to manage fishing effort in the IBSFC areas (subdivisions 22-32) falling under the sovereignty or within the jurisdiction of the Member States.

Article 6(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 779/97 provides that the Council must take a decision before 31 December 1997 on a proposal submitted by the Commission, by 30 June 1997 at the latest, for amendments to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93², especially as regards the measures needed to ensure compliance with the arrangements. The amendments make Title IIa of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 applicable in the Baltic Sea, in particular the recording of data on fishing effort in the logbook, the procedures for forwarding the lists of named vessels to the Commission, the collection of data on fishing effort by the Member States and the forwarding of the assembled data on fishing effort to the Commission.

The Commission accordingly proposes that Council should adopt this proposal as soon as possible and by 31 December 1997 at the latest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ No L 113, 30. 4.1997, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ No L 261; 20.10.1993, p. 1.

#### PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No

of 1997

amending Regulation (EC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy

#### 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>,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Commitee<sup>3</sup>,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy<sup>4</sup> introduces a number of measures to monitor fishing activities, including fishing effort;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 779/97 introducing arrangements for the management of fishing effort in the Baltic Sea<sup>5</sup> provides for *ex post* monitoring by the Member States of the fishing effort of Community vessels in the Baltic Sea;

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> OJ No L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation amended by Regulation (EC) No 2870/95 (OJ No 301, 14.12.1995, p. 1.) and last amended by Regulation (EC) No 686/97 (OJ No L 102, 19.4.1997, p. 1.)
<sup>5</sup> OJ No L 113, 3.4.1997, p. 1.

Whereas under Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 779/97 compliance with the arrangements for managing fishing effort in the Baltic Sea must be ensured, in particular by applying Title IIa of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 as regards the recording of data on fishing effort in the logbook, the procedures for forwarding the lists of named vessels to the Commission, the collection of data on fishing effort by the Member States and the forwarding of the assembled data on fishing effort to the Commission.

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

### Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following paragraph is inserted after the first paragraph of Article 19a:

"1a. Articles 19e, 19f, 19g, 19h and 19i shall apply to Community vessels authorized by the Member States, in accordance with Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 779/97 introducing arrangements for the management of fishing effort in the Baltic Sea, to carry out fishing activities in the fishing areas listed in the Annex to that Regulation.

2. The last sentence of Article 19a(2) is replaced by:

"Vessels over the relevant length which are not authorized by Member States under Articles 2, 3(5) and 9 of Regulation (EC) No 685/95 or Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 779/97 shall not carry out fishing activities in the areas referred to in paragraphs 1 and 1a.

3. The following is added to Article 19f(1):

"and Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 779/97."

4. The following indent is inserted after the first indent of Article 19i:

"in the previous month for each fishing area referred to in Article 19a(1a), for salmon, sea trout and freshwater fish, before the 15th of each month,"

# Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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



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