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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 395/97 allocating, for 1997,
Community catch quotas in Greenland waters**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Third Protocol ⁽¹⁾, the Community is entitled to "70% of the Greenland share of the capelin TAC minus 10,000 tonnes to the Faroe Islands". This provision has to be seen against the background that the capelin stock in the waters off Eastern Greenland is managed jointly by Greenland, Iceland and Norway. In annual consultations, these parties normally establish, on the basis of an initial survey, a "total preliminary quota" (of which the Greenland share is 16.5 %) and, after another survey later in the year, a TAC (of which the Greenland share is 11 %). For 1996/97, the "total preliminary quota" was 1,100,000 tonnes (of which the Greenland share was 181,500 tonnes) and the final TAC was 1,650,000 tonnes (of which the Greenland share was equally 181,500 tonnes).

Council Regulation (EC) No. 395/97 ⁽²⁾ established the corresponding Community catch quota on the basis of these calculations at 127,050 tonnes. The underlying TAC has been revised in the meantime and set at 1,265,000 tonnes for 1997/98. The ensuing Greenland share is 139,150 tonnes and, as a consequence, the quota available to the Community decreases to 97,405 tonnes.

Following this decrease, Greenland has consented to grant the Community an additional quantity of 13,745 tonnes free of charge. Consequently, the Community catch quota now totals 111,150 tonnes.

The objective of this proposal is to implement the measures resulting from the variation of the underlying TAC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No. L 351, 31.12.1994, p. 1

⁽²⁾ OJ No. L 66, 06.03.1997, p. 71

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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. 395/97⁽²⁾ established, for 1997, the Community catch quota for capelin in Greenland waters on the basis of a provisional TAC;

Whereas a revision of the relevant TAC in the meantime has resulted in a decrease in the share available to the Community;

Whereas Greenland has consented to grant the Community an additional quantity;

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No. 395/97 has to be amended accordingly;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION

Article 1

In the Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No. 395/97, the part dealing with capelin shall be amended as given in 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, 1997.

For the Council
The President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No. L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No. L 66, 06.03.1997, p. 71

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Greenland waters for 1997

Species	Geographical area	Community catch quotas (in tonnes)	Quotas allocated to Member States	Quantities allocated to Norway	Quantities allocated to Iceland	Faroese quotas under EC/ Greenland
Capelin	ICES XIV/V	111,150 ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽¹⁰⁾	Community 46 150	25 000	30 000	10 000

⁽⁶⁾ 70% of the Greenland share of the TAC for capelin minus 10 000 tonnes to the Faroe Islands. Upon any further revision of the relevant TAC in the course of 1997, the Community quota shall be revised accordingly.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Includes a transfer of 13 745 tonnes from Greenland.

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