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**Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)
modifying Regulation (EC) No 702/97
opening and providing for the administration of autonomous
Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Following the request made by a Member State, the Commission services conducted a study of the possibilities for modifying Regulation (EC) No 702/97 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for cod and for surimi.
2. Following the discussion, it was concluded that the Member States could approve increases to the quotas for cod and for surimi, without disturbing the markets for such products.

This is the purpose of the attached proposal.

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Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, by Regulation (EC) N° 702/97¹, the Council opened autonomous tariff quotas for cod (order number 09.2753) and for surimi (order number 09.2779);

Whereas their quotas amounts are insufficient to meet the needs of the Community industry; whereas, consequently, these quotas amounts should be increased;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the quota period 1 April-31 December 1997, the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 702/97 is amended as follows:

- order number 09.2753: the amount of the tariff quota is altered to 55.000 tonnes,
- order number 09.2779: the amount of the tariff quota is altered to 7.500 tonnes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 7th day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply from 1 April 1997.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council
The President

¹ OJ No L 104, of 22.04.1997, p. 8.

FINANCIAL RECORD

1. **Budget line concerned:** Chap. 12 Art. 120
2. **Legal basis:** Art. 28 of the Treaty
3. **Title of the tariff measure concerned:** Proposal for Council Regulation (EC) modifying Regulation (EC) No 702/97 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products.
4. **Objective:** To ensure that the Community processing industry is supplied on favourable terms.
5. **Method of calculation:**

Product description	Variation in quota volume (Units/tonnes)	Variation in estimated price (ECU/Unit)	Variation in normal duty (%)	Variation in quota duty (%)	Expected variation in the loss of revenue in relation to the previous quota period (in ECU)
Cod (09.2753)	+ 5.000 t (initial volume: 50.000 t)	0 (initial price: 1.176)	- 8,6 (initial duty: 12,6)	0	505.680
Surimi (09.2779)	+ 3.000 t (initial volume: 4.500 t)	0 (initial price: 1.900)	- 9 (initial duty: 15)	0	513.000

Additional loss of revenue: 1.018.680 ECU

6. **Fight against fraud:** Provisions on the management of these tariff quotas include the measures necessary for preventing frauds and irregularities and protecting against them.

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