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**AMENDED PROPOSAL
for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)**

introducing a scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French overseas department of Guiana as a result of those regions' remoteness

**(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 189 a (2)
of the EC-Treaty)**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Against the background of Council Decisions setting up programmes of options specific to the remote and insular nature of the most remote regions of the Community¹ (the Portuguese archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira, the Spanish archipelago of the Canary Islands and the French overseas departments of Guadeloupe, Guiana, Martinique and Réunion), the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Regulation on 22 July 1997 introducing a scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French overseas department of Guiana² as a result of those regions' remoteness.

The European Parliament, at its session in January 1998, adopted a resolution approving the Commission proposal, subject to certain amendments. The amendments now being proposed give effect to those accepted by the Commission with some drafting changes. One amendment concerns the official request from the French Government for the inclusion in the scheme of tuna from the island of Réunion. This request was accompanied by technical documents in support of the request similar to the documents presented for products from other regions. The amendments which have been accepted include the following therefore:

- amendment of the title of the regulation to include a reference to the island of Réunion;
- amendment of the fifth recital to include a reference to species from the island of Réunion;
- insertion of a new recital after the existing seventh one referring to the need to respect the Community rules on the conservation and management of stocks, in particular the ban on fishing for shrimp in Guiana at a depth of less than 30 metres, together with a new provision to be inserted in Article 2 enabling the amounts set for the various species to be adjusted in the light of their marketing conditions and characteristics;
- amendment of Article 1 to include a reference to the department of Réunion;
- amendment of Article 2(3)(a) (adjustment of the quantity of fresh tuna from the Canary Islands), consisting of a drafting change;
- amendment of Article 2(3)(b) (adjustment of the quantity of frozen tuna from the Canary Islands);
- amendment of Article 2(3)(c) (adjustment of the quantity of frozen sardines and mackerel from the Canary Islands);

¹ Council Decisions 89/687/EEC, 91/314/EEC and 91/315/EEC (OJ L 399, 30.12.1989, p. 39 and OJ L 171, 29.6.1991, pp. 5 and 10).

² Document COM (97) 389 final, 22 July 1997.

- amendment of Article 2(3)(d) (adjustment of the quantity of processed sardines and mackerel from the Canary Islands);
- insertion of a new paragraph in Article 2, defining the scheme applicable to Réunion, consisting of a drafting change.

The Commission did not accept the other amendments:

- because the technical arrangements for all species are to be laid down in the implementing rules - amendment 11 (Article 2(4a) sole paragraph - new);
- because they are redundant as a result of this amended proposal which includes a new financial statement - amendment 13 (recital 5a - new) and amendment 15 (Article 4a - new);
- because it is concerned only with the financial aspect of the report to be submitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - amendment 16 (Article 6).

The financial statement for the original proposal has been amended also to take account of the amendments to Article 2(3) and the introduction of the scheme for the island of Réunion.

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The proposal is amended as follows:

Title

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Recital 5

Whereas the regions concerned are facing specific development problems and in particular additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain products as a result of their remoteness; whereas, with a view to maintaining the competitiveness of certain fishery products against similar products from other Community regions, the Community introduced measures in 1992 and 1993 to compensate for such additional costs in the fisheries sector; whereas those measures were followed up in 1994 and 1995-97 by the adoption of Council Regulations (EC) No 1503/94 and (EC) No 2337/95; whereas the arrangements to compensate for the additional costs incurred in processing and marketing certain fishery products (tuna and demersal species in the Azores; tuna, black scabbardfish and mackerel in Madeira ; tuna, sardines, mackerel, aquaculture products, cephalopods, sole and sea bream in the Canary Islands; shrimp in Guiana; tuna and swordfish in Réunion) should be continued from 1998 and provision must accordingly be made for the measures to be extended.

Recital 7a (new)

Whereas it is essential to respect the Community rules on the conservation and management of stocks in those regions, and in particular, in the case of the French department of Guiana, the rule prohibiting fishing for shrimp at a depth of less than 30 metres, and to provide for the adjustment, where necessary, of the amounts set for the various species in the light of their marketing conditions and characteristics,

Article 1

A scheme is hereby introduced to compensate for the additional costs of marketing certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French departments of Guiana and Réunion.

Article 2(3)(a)

- (a) ECU 152 per tonne of tuna for marketing fresh for up to 11 320 tonnes a year;

Article 2(3)(b)

- (b) ECU 56 per tonne of frozen tuna for up to 1 000 tonnes a year;

Article 2(3)(c)

- (c) ECU 56 per tonne of sardines and mackerel for freezing for up to 4 000 tonnes a year;

Article 2(3)(d)

- (d) ECU 105 per tonne of sardines and mackerel for processing for up to 12 100 tonnes a year;

Article 2(4a) (new)

In the case of Réunion, the scheme provided for in Article 1 shall entail payment of ECU 1 000 per tonne of tuna and swordfish for up to 1 000 tonnes a year.

Article 2(4b) (new)

The Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4, adjust the amounts set for the various species in the light of their marketing conditions and characteristics.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. BUDGET HEADING: Article B1-262 PROGRAMME OF OPTIONS SPECIFIC TO
REMOTE AND INSULAR
AREAS - FISHERY COSTS
Heading B1-2621 ADDITIONAL MARKETING COSTS
2. TITLE: Proposal for a Council Regulation introducing a scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French department of Guiana as a result of those regions' remoteness.
3. LEGAL BASIS: Art. 43 of the Treaty - Council Decision 89/687/EEC - Council Decision 91/314/EEC - Council Decision 91/315/EEC
4. AIMS: To offset the additional costs of marketing certain fishery products in the outermost regions

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 98	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (99)
5.0. EXPENDITURE	ECU 17.33m	0	ECU 17.33m
- charged to EC budget (interventions)			
- charged to national authorities			
- charged to other national bodies			

- 5.1. REVENUE
- own resources EC
 - (Levies/Customs duties)
 - national

5.0.1 MULTIANNUAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE	YEAR 2000: ECU 17.33m	YEAR 2001: ECU 17.33m
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5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION

Azores	tuna	10,000 t/year	x	ECU 177/t	= ECU 1,770,000
	demersal species	3,500 t/year	x	ECU 455/t	= ECU 1,592,500
Madeira	tuna	5,000 t/year	x	ECU 184/t	= ECU 920,000
	black scabbardfish	1,800 t/year	x	ECU 242/t	= ECU 435,600
	mackerel	2,000 t/year	x	ECU 116/t	= ECU 232,000
Canaries	fresh tuna	11,320 t/year	x	ECU 152/t	= ECU 1,720,640
	frozen tuna	1,000 t/year	x	ECU 56/t	= ECU 56,000
	frozen sardines and mackerel	4,000 t/year	x	ECU 56/t	= ECU 224,000
	tinned sardines and mackerel	12,100 t/year	x	ECU 105/t	= ECU 1,270,500
	aquaculture products	1,300 t/year	x	ECU 563/t	= ECU 731,900
	cephalopod products, sole and sea bream	25,000 t/year	x	ECU 110/t	= ECU 2,750,000
	shrimps	4,200 t/year	x	ECU 1,102/t	= ECU 4,628,400
Réunion	tuna/swordfish	1,000 t/year	x	ECU 1,000/t	= ECU 1,000,000
TOTAL					ECU 17,331,540

6.0. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

6.1. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

6.2. IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY? NO

6.3. WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY? YES

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