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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

allocating, for 1997, catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the zone
of the Russian Federation

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In accordance with the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, the fisheries agreements concluded by these countries with third countries shall be managed by the Community.

On the basis of the bilateral Fisheries Agreement concluded between the Russian Federation and Sweden in 1992, the Community, on behalf of Sweden, held consultations with the Russian Federation which resulted in a reciprocal Fisheries Arrangement for 1997.

The purpose of this proposal for a regulation is to allocate among Member States the quotas available in 1997 to Community (Swedish) vessels fishing in the zone of the Russian Federation under the above mentioned arrangement.

The fishing possibilities obtained by Sweden as a result of these agreements have been allocated to them.

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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, in accordance with Article 124 of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and
Sweden, fisheries agreements concluded by the Kingdom of Sweden with third countries
are managed by the Community;

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 3 of the agreement on
fisheries of 11 December 1992 concluded between the Government of the Kingdom of
Sweden and the Government of the Russian Federation, the Community, on behalf of the
Kingdom of Sweden, held consultations with the Russian Federation concerning their
mutual fishing rights for 1997;

Whereas, in the course of these consultations, the delegations agreed to recommend to
their respective authorities that certain catch quotas for 1997 should be fixed for the
vessels of the other Party;

Whereas the necessary measures should be taken to implement, for 1997, the results of
the consultations held with the Russian Federation;

Whereas to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available in Russian
waters, they should be allocated among Member States as quotas in accordance with
Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No. 3760/92;

Whereas the fishing activities covered by this Regulation are subject to the relevant
control measures provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October
1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy ²;

¹ OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1

² OJ No L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1

Whereas additional conditions for the year-to-year management of TACs and quotas, in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96³, were not agreed with the Russian Federation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1997 vessels flying the flag of a Member State are hereby authorised to make catches in waters falling within the fisheries jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and within the quota limits set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Stocks referred to in the annex shall not be subject to the conditions stipulated in Articles 2, 3 and 5 (2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96.

Article 3

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, 1997

For the Council
The President

³ OJ No L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in the fishing zone of the Russian Federation for 1997

(in metric tonnes, fresh round weight)

| Species | ICES division | Community catch quotas | Quotas allocated to Member States |
|---------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cod | III d | 350 | Sweden 350 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Sprat | III d | 2,000 | Sweden 2,000 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |

- (1) A maximum of seven vessels are allowed to fish simultaneously.
- (2) A maximum of ten vessels are allowed to fish simultaneously.
- (3) However, not more than ten vessels (for both cod and sprat fisheries) are allowed to fish simultaneously in the Russian area.

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