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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulation (EC) No 393/97 laying down, for 1997, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The relevant coastal States, i.e. the Community, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation, held consultations which, on 14 December 1996, led to an arrangement on the management and sharing of Norwegian spring spawning herring (Atlanto-Scandian herring) in 1997. Under this arrangement, a total of 130,000 tonnes became available to the Community and a quota of 82,000 tonnes became available to the Faroe Islands.

In connection with this arrangement, a subsequent arrangement on reciprocal access has been agreed upon, under which the Community was given access to fish a maximum of 12,500 tonnes of its share in Faroese waters and the Faroe Islands were given access to fish a maximum of 12,500 tonnes in Community fishing waters.

Further consultations between the Community and the Faroe Islands led, on 10 March 1997, to specifying the licensing conditions pertaining to this access arrangement.

This proposal intends to address the issue of access of Faroese vessels to Community fishing waters by modifying Council Regulation (EC) No 393/97.

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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 393/97 ² lays down, for 1997, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands;

Whereas the Community, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation held consultations which led, on 14 December 1996 to recommending to the respective authorities an arrangement on the management and sharing of Norwegian spring-spawning herring (Atlanto-Scandian herring) in 1997;

Whereas pursuant to this arrangement, a subsequent arrangement on reciprocal access was agreed upon by the Community and the Faroe Islands, under which the Faroe Islands may fish 12,500 tonnes of their share in Community fishing waters north of 62° N;

Whereas the Community and the Faroe Islands held further consultations pertaining to the conduct of this fishery and, in particular, the licensing conditions;

Whereas it is now necessary to implement these arrangements in as much as access of vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands to Community fishing waters is concerned and to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 393/97 accordingly,

¹ OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p.1

² OJ No L 66, 6.3.1997, p. 61

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 393/97 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following sub-paragraph shall be inserted after Article 3, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (f):

“(g) 21 for the fishing of herring in ICES division IIa, (north of 62° N). Requests for replacement of licences and special fishing permits within this maximum number may be made at any time and shall be processed expeditiously”.

2. The table which is given in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added to Annex I, point 1.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 1997

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Faroese catch quotas for 1997

Species	Fishing zone: ICES subarea/division	Quantity (tonnes)
Herring	IIa	12,500

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