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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending Council Regulation (EC) No 391/97 laying down, for 1997,
certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources
applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At the Fisheries Council of 20 December 1996, the Commission undertook to explore with Norway the means of obtaining a higher quantity of plaice in ICES division IV. Thereupon, consultations were held with Norway, which resulted in an agreement to set the TAC for plaice at 80,000 tonnes, i.e. to increase by 3,000 tonnes the TAC which was agreed in December 1996. Consequently, the Norwegian catch quota for plaice in Community fishing waters is to be increased from 2,890 tonnes to 3,100 tonnes.

The objective of this proposal is to implement the measures agreed with Norway and, inasmuch as the Norwegian catch quota for plaice is concerned, to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 391/97 accordingly.

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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 aquaculture¹, 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 391/97² allocates, for 1997, certain catch quotas
to Norway in Community waters;

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Articles 2 and 7 of the
Fisheries Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom
of Norway³, consultations were held in order to adjust the total allowable catch (TAC)
for plaice in ICES division IV;

Whereas these consultations led to an agreement to set the TAC for plaice at 80,000
tonnes for 1997 and, *inter alia*, to adjust the corresponding Norwegian catch quota to
3,100 tonnes;

Whereas it is now necessary to implement these agreed measures and, inasmuch as the
Norwegian catch quota for plaice is concerned, to amend Council Regulation (EC)
No 391/97 accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 391/97, the entry dealing with plaice shall
be replaced by that given in the Annex to this Regulation.

¹ OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

² OJ No L 66, 6.3.1997, p. 49.

³ OJ No L 226, 29.8.1980, p. 48.

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



ANNEX

Norwegian catch quota for 1997

Species	Area within which fishing is authorised	Quantity
"Plaice	ICES IV	3,100"



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