COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES



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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 3077/95 laying down, for 1996, 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 Community, under Council Regulation (EC) No. 3077/95, has allocated to the Faroe Islands a quota for mackerel in Community waters.

Following a decision to reduce the mackerel TAC for biological reasons, the Community and the Faroe Islands have held consultations which resulted in an agreement to reduce the Parties' quotas for mackerel in the other Party's zone. As a result, the Parties agreed to reduce the Faroese catch quota for mackerel in Community waters from 5,890 tonnes to 3,930 tonnes.

It is, therefore, proposed to amend the above Council Regulation 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 aquaculture (1), and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No. 3077/95 (2) allocates, for 1996, certain catch quotas to vessels flying the flag of the Faroe Islands in Community waters;

Whereas a catch quota of 5,890 tonnes of mackerel was allocated to the Faroe Islands in ICES Divisions VIa, VIIe, f and h for 1996. Whereas this quota has to be reduced in order to reflect the reduction in the mackerel TAC for these areas;

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 2 of the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part ⁽³⁾, the Parties have had further consultations concerning on their reciprocal fishing rights for 1996;

Whereas these consultations have been concluded and, as a result, the above mentioned catch quota allocated to the Faroe Islands has been reduced;

Whereas it is for the Council to lay down the specific conditions under which such catches must be taken,

OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 330, 30.12.1995, p. 54

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 226, 29.8.1980, p. 12.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No. 3077/95, the figures relating to mackerel in ICES Divisions VIa, VIIe, f and h are hereby replaced by those set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force the day after its publication in the Official Journal.

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

Done at Brussels,

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For the Council The President

ANNEX I

Faroese catch quotas for 1996

1. Quota for Faroese vessels fishing in the Community zone

Species	Fishing zone: ICES sub-area/division	Quantity (tonnes)
Mackerel	VIa (1), VIIe, f, h	3,930 (2)

⁽¹⁾ North of 56°30' N.

Of which 1,000 tonnes may be fished from 1 October to 31 December 1996 in Community waters in ICES Division IVa.



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