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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

laying down certain interim measures
for the conservation and management of fishery resources
applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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OF

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic
Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

.../...

Whereas the Council adopted, on 3 November 1976, a set of resolutions concerning certain external and internal aspects of the common fisheries policy;

Whereas in Regulation (EEC) No 373/77 ⁽¹⁾ the Council laid down, for the period 1 January to 31 March 1977, certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries, and in particular of Spain;

Whereas in Regulations (EEC) No 746/77 ⁽²⁾, (EEC) No. 1416/77 ⁽³⁾ and (EEC) No. 1709/77 ⁽⁴⁾, the Council extended the application of certain provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 373/77;

Whereas the above Regulations were adopted in order to establish interim measures, pending the conclusion of negotiations between the Community and these countries with a view to concluding framework agreements on fisheries;

Whereas the negotiations with Spain have not yet been concluded and it is therefore necessary to establish interim measures for a further period;

Whereas certain modifications of the existing rules appear necessary,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

(1) OJ No L 53, 25.2.1977, p. 1
(2) OJ No L 90, 8.4.1977, p. 8
(3) OJ No L 160, 30.6.1977, p. 18
(4) OJ No. L 189, 29.7.1977, p. 8

Article 1

The only catches of species other than tuna which Spain is authorized to make from 1 October until 31 December 1977 in the 200 nautical mile fishing zones of the Member States, situated off the North Sea and Atlantic coasts and covered by Community rules on fisheries, and the zones where such catches may be made are laid down in Annex I.

Article 2

The fishing quotas shall be granted subject to compliance with the conservation measures and supervisory measures and other provisions governing fishing in the zones referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

1. Fishing within the zones referred to in Article 1 by vessels flying the flag of Spain shall be subject to the granting of a licence on behalf of the Community by the Commission.
2. Each licence shall be valid for one vessel only for a period not extending beyond 31 December 1977 and for the species indicated in the licence within the quantitative and geographical limits referred to in Article 1.

3. The number of licences which may be issued pursuant to paragraph 1 by geographical zone and the maximum number of vessels permitted to fish at the same time in a given geographical zone are laid down in Annex II.

Article 4

When an application for a licence is submitted to the authorities referred to in Article 3, the following information shall be supplied:

- (a) name of the vessel;
- (b) registration number and external identification letters and numbers;
- (c) port of registration;
- (d) name and address of the owner or charterer;
- (e) gross tonnage and overall length;
- (f) engine power;
- (g) call sign and radio frequency;
- (h) intended method of fishing;
- (i) intended area of fishing;
- (j) species intended to be fished;
- (k) period for which licence is requested.

Article 5

The Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure, as far as possible, the implementation of Articles 1, 2 and 3 in the zones referred to in Article 1, including regular inspection of the vessels of non-member countries.

In this connection, the Member States and the Commission shall communicate to each other the information required for compliance with this Regulation, in particular concerning the monitoring of the size of catches made by the vessels of the non-member countries concerned.

Article 6

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

It shall apply until 31 December 1977.

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

Done at Brussels,
For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Quantities, by species and zones, which may be caught by Spain from 1 October to 31 December 1977:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Zone (ICES)</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>(tonnes)</u>
Hake	VI	585
	VII	2 000
	VIII	2 415
Other species, except plaice, and sole, taken as by-catches of Hake (1)	VI	1 170
	VII	4 000
	VIII	4 830

(1) Catches of Cod, Haddock, Whiting and Saithe shall not constitute more than 3 per cent of the catch on board any vessel and catches of clupeiforms and invertebrates not more than 5 per cent.

ANNEX II

(a) Maximum number of vessels and vessel types which may be licensed in a given zone.

<u>Zone (ICES)</u>	<u>Vessel type</u>	<u>Number of vessels</u>
VI	Tonnage not greater than 300 GRT, horse power not greater than 800 HP ⁽¹⁾	23
VII		84
VIII		95

(b) Maximum number of vessels and vessel types which may fish at the same time in a given zone for which a licence has been obtained.

<u>Zone (ICES)</u>	<u>Vessel type</u>	<u>Number of vessels</u>
VI	Tonnage not greater than 300 GRT, horse power not greater than 800 HP ⁽¹⁾	15
VII		53
VIII		74

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- ⁽¹⁾ If the BHP of a vessel exceeds 800 HP, then the following conversion factors will be applied:
- vessels between 800 and 1 100 BHP = 1.75 standard vessels
 - vessels between 1 100 and 1 500 BHP = 2.25 standard vessels.

