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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**allocating for 1997 catch quotas between Member States
for vessels fishing in Icelandic waters**

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Consultations between the Community and Iceland, held in Brussels on 18 October 1996, have resulted in an agreement defining a reciprocal fisheries arrangement for 1997. This arrangement provides for, *inter alia*, certain catch quotas for Community vessels in the Icelandic fishing zone.

The arrangement also maintains an amendment to the fishing area; the South-Eastern area has been expanded by approximately 1,000 square miles.

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

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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 the procedure provided for in the Agreement on Fisheries Relations between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof, the Community and Iceland have held consultations concerning their mutual fishing rights for 1997 and the management of common living resources;

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, in the course of these consultations, the delegations agreed to maintain the adjusted fishing area designated to Community vessels in Icelandic waters;

Whereas the necessary measures should be taken to implement, for 1997, the results of the consultations held between the delegations of the Community and Iceland;

Whereas to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available in Icelandic waters, they should be allocated among the Member States as quotas in accordance with Article 8 of Council 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⁽³⁾;

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 847/96⁽⁴⁾, were not agreed with Iceland,

(1) OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 161, 2.7.1993, p. 1.

(3) OJ No L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

(4) OJ No L 115, 9.5.1996, p. 3.

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 within the quota limits set out in the Annex in waters falling within the fisheries jurisdiction of Iceland.

The catch quotas shall be fished in areas of the Icelandic Exclusive Economic Zone defined by straight lines connecting the following coordinates:

South Western Area

1. 63°12'N and 23°05'W through 62°00'N and 26°00'W
2. 62°58'N and 22°25'W
3. 63°06'N and 21°30'W
4. 63°03'N and 21°00'W from there 180°00'S

South Eastern Area

1. 63°14'N and 10°40'W
2. 63°14'N and 11°23'W
3. 63°35'N and 12°21'W
4. 64°00'N and 12°30'W
5. 63°53'N and 13°30'W
6. 63°36'N and 14°30'W
7. 63°10'N and 17°00'W from there 180°00'S

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 1 January 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, December 1996.

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Icelandic waters for 1997

(in metric tonnes, fresh round weight)

Species	ICES division	Community catch quotas	Quotas allocated to Member States
Redfish	Va	3,000 ⁽¹⁾	Germany 1,690 United Kingdom 1,160 Belgium 100 France 50

⁽¹⁾ Including unavoidable by-catches (cod not allowed).

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