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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulation (EC)N° 56/98
of 19 December 1997

laying down for 1998 certain measures for the conservation and management
of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Lithuania

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In conformity with the Agreement on Fisheries Relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania, signed in Brussels on 20 December 1996, consultations were held between the Community and Lithuania in Brussels from 15 to 16 October 1997, resulting in a fisheries arrangement for 1998.

Supplementing this fisheries arrangement, the Council adopted on 19 December 1997 Council Regulation N° 56/98 fixing the specific conditions for Lithuanian vessels to fish the quotas allocated to them for 1998 in waters of the Community.

However, due to difficulties with the allocation to the Lithuanian fleet of the quotas gained from the Community, the Lithuanian administration requested to increase the number of transport refrigerator vessels and vessels authorised to work simultaneously in Community waters, from four to five and three to four, respectively.

After consultations with the Member States, the Parties agreed to amend the fisheries arrangement for 1998 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, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Agreement on Fisheries Relations
between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 3 and 6
thereof, the Community and Lithuania have held consultations concerning their mutual fishing rights
for 1998 and the management of common living resources;

Whereas Regulation (EC) N° 56/98⁽³⁾ allocates, for 1998, certain catch quotas in Community waters
to vessels flying the flag of Lithuania and the conditions under which they can be fished;

Whereas the Parties have had further consultations on licencing conditions for Lithuanian vessels,
fishing in Community waters;

Whereas these consultations have been concluded and, as a result, the maximum number of Lithuanian
transport refrigerator vessels has been increased;

Whereas Regulation (EC) N° 56/98 should therefore be amended accordingly,

(1) OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation amended by the 1994 Act of Accession

(2) OJ No L 332, 20.12.1996, p. 8.

(3) OJ No L 12, 19.01.1998, p. 95.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) N°.56/98 is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

The Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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,.....1998

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Lithuanian catch quotas and licences for 1998

Fishing zone of the Members States of the Community

Species	Area within which fishing is authorised	Quantity (tonnes)	Number of Licences ⁽³⁾
Cod	ICES III(d) ⁽¹⁾	1,350	}
Herring	ICES III(d) ⁽¹⁾	500	}
Sprat	ICES III(d) ⁽¹⁾	4,000	}70(50)
Salmon	ICES III(d) ⁽¹⁾	500 ⁽²⁾	}

(1) Beyond 12-nautical-miles from the baselines from which the territorial sea is measured and south of 59°30' North.

(2) Number of individual fish.

(3) The number of licences and special fishing permits valid at any given time is mentioned between brackets. In addition, a maximum of five transport refrigerator vessels will be authorized in the herring and sprat fisheries, but no more than four vessels will be authorized at any given time.

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