

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1848/78 laying down certain
measures for the conservation and management of fishery
resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faeroe
Islands

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The present draft is intended :

1. to adjust the 1978 catch quotas for the Faeroe Islands laid down in Annex I of Regulation (EEC) No. 1848/78, modified by Regulation (EEC) No. 2084/78, by the addition of a quota for Greenland Halibut in ICNAF zones 0 + 1.

The Canadian authorities have recently allocated a Greenland Halibut quota to the Faeroe Islands. In conformity with the management arrangements agreed between the Community and Canada for certain joint stocks occurring in the Davis Strait and Baffin Bay the Community must authorize Faeroese vessels to fish part of this quota in the waters falling under the fisheries jurisdiction of the Community.

2. to delay by one month the date of entry into force of the obligation for Faeroese vessels to have a licence on board as foreseen in Article 3 paragraph 1 of the said Regulation, taking into account that the consultations foreseen in paragraph 2 of this Article have not yet taken place.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 103 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No. 1848/78 of 25 July 1978 (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 2084/78 (2), the Council laid down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faeroe Islands;

Whereas, according to the management arrangements agreed between the Community and Canada as regards certain joint stocks located in Davies Strait and Baffins Bay, fishing for Greenland Halibut by either party should be permitted throughout the joint management zone;

Whereas the recent allocation by the Canadian authorities of a quota of Greenland Halibut to the Faeroe Islands may therefore lead to the fishing of a part of this quota in waters falling under the fisheries jurisdiction of the Community;

Whereas due account should be taken of this in the said Regulation (EEC) No. 1848/78;

Whereas, since the consultations referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No. 1848/78 have not yet taken place, the entry into force of paragraph 1 of the said Article should be postponed for one month;

Whereas these measures must be taken without delay, and it is therefore necessary to adopt them on an interim basis, under Article 103 of the Treaty, subject to their being included at a later date in the common agricultural policy.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

(1) OJ No. L 211, 1.8.78, p. 6
(2) OJ No. L 240, 1.9.78, p. 60

Article 1

1. Article 3(1) is amended to read as follows:

"1. From 1 November 1978, fishing within ICES divisions IV, VI, VII and VIII and ICNAF zones 0 + 1 under the quotas established in Article 1 shall be subject to the granting of a licence issued by the Commission on behalf of the Community and to the observance of the conditions set out in the licence."

Regulation (EEC) No 1848/78 is amended as follows:

2. Annex I is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply until 31 December 1978.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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Fishing quotas for the period 1 January to 31 December 1978

Species	Fishing zones ICES division or ICNAF zone	Quantity (in tonnes)
Herring	IIIa north (Skagerrak)	1 000 ⁽¹⁾
Ling	VIb	950
Mackerel	IV, VI (north of 56°30'N)	41 000 ⁽²⁾
Norway pout	IV, VIa (north of 56°30'N)	37 500 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Sandeel	IV	10 000 ⁽³⁾
Sprat	IV, VIa (north of 56°30'N)	30 000
Northern deep water prawn (<i>Pandalus borealis</i>)	ICNAF 0 + 1 (5)	7 400
Tusk	VIb	550
Blue whiting		15 000 ⁽⁶⁾
Greenland Halibut	ICNAF 0 + 1 (5)	1 000 ⁽⁷⁾
Other white fish (by-catches only)	IV, VIa	1 200

- (1) East of the line connecting Lindesnes to Hanstholm, from 1 April to 30 September 1978.
- (2) Of which at least 29 000 tonnes shall be fished exclusively from the western mackerel stock north of 60°N in zone IV and north of 56°30'N in zone VI.
- (3) This quota may be exceeded by a maximum of 2 500 tonnes provided that total catches of Norway pout, sandeel and sprat do not exceed 77 500 t.
- (4) Of which no more than 6 000 tonnes in zone VIa.
- (5) East of the median line.
- (6) Fishing is permitted up to a limit of 15 vessels.
- (7) Less any quantities taken in the Canadian zone.