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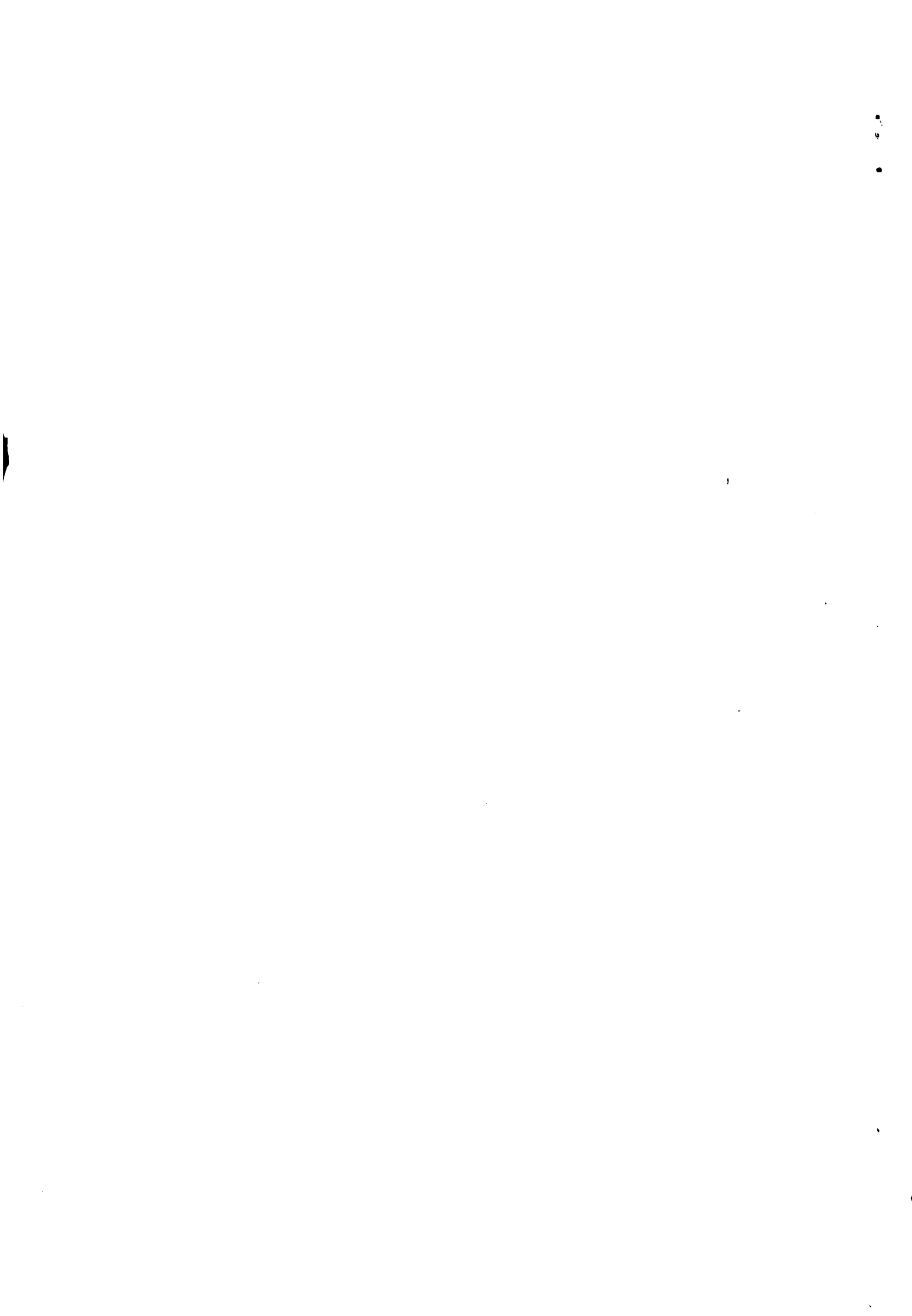
Brussels, 18 November 1976.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 103/76 laying down common
marketing standards for certain fresh or chilled fish.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

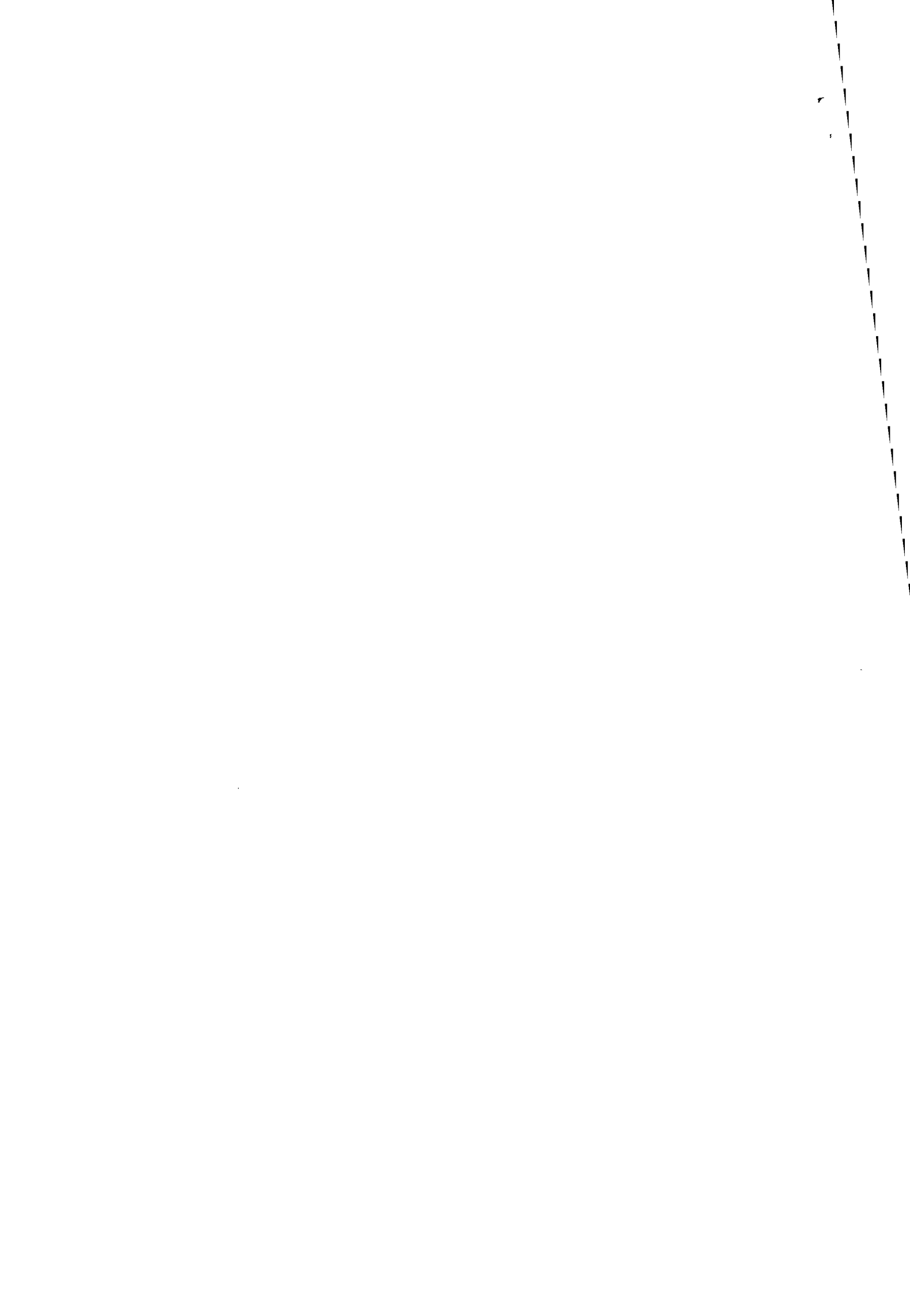
During the period which followed the adoption of Regulation (EEC) No 103/76, the production for human consumption of most of the species listed in Annex B to that Regulation decreased. Hence, in order to protect reserved and exploit the resources of the sea on a more rational basis, it is necessary to ensure that fish which have not yet reached a specific minimum size should be excluded from the market in products intended for human consumption.

Minimum sizes are laid down for all the species listed in Annex B to Regulation (EEC) No 103/76. Herrings from the Baltic are smaller than those caught in other waters. A distinction is therefore made between herring caught in the Baltic Sea and herring caught elsewhere.

This measure will make it possible to economize on EAGGF expenditure and will serve as a basis for the reclassification of different species of fish according to size, category of freshness and packaging under the Regulation fixing the withdrawal price.

Lastly, it is stressed that the introduction of minimum sizes will also apply to products imported from non-member countries.

Financial consequences : would lead to savings in financial compensation for intervention purposes



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 of 19 January 1976 on the common organization of the market in fishery products (1), and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas size categories were laid down by Council Regulation (EEC) No 103/76 of 19 January 1976 laying down common marketing standards for certain fresh or chilled fish (2);

Whereas in the light of experience in applying the size categories laid down in Annex B to the said Regulation some changes have proved necessary; whereas, therefore, the said Annex B should be amended accordingly;

Whereas the fixing of common marketing standards should take into account the interest of the Community in conserving fish stocks as far as possible; whereas therefore fish which have not grown to a minimum size must be excluded from marketing for human consumption,

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(1) OJ No L 20 of 28.1.1976, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 20 of 28.1.1976, p. 29.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Annex B to Regulation (EEC) No 103/76 is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 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
Sizing

(kg/fish)

	Cod	Coalfish	Haddock	Whiting
Size 1	7 and over	5 and over	1 and over	0,5 and over
Size 2	from 4 up to but excluding 7	from 3 up to but excluding 5	from 0.4 up to but excluding 1	from 0.35 up to but excluding 0.5
Size 3	from 2 up to but excluding 4	from 1.5 up to but excluding 3	from 0.25 up to but excluding 0.4	from 0.11 up to but excluding 0.35
Size 4	from 1 up to but excluding 2	from 0.3 up to but excluding 1.5		
Size 5	from 0.3 up to but excluding 1			

(kg/fish)

	Plaice	Redfish	Mackerel	Hake
Size 1	0.6 and over	2 and over	0.5 and over	1.2 and over
Size 2	from 0.4 up to but excluding 0.6	from 0.5 up to but excluding 2	from 0.2 up to but excluding 0.5	from 0.6 up to but excluding 1.2
Size 3	from 0.2 up to but excluding 0.4		from 0.1 up to but excluding 0.2	from 0.25 up to but excluding 0.6

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	Baltic Herrings		Other Herrings	
	kg/fish	Number of fish to kg	kg/fish	Number of fish to kg
Size 1	0.125 and over	8 or less	0.125 and over	8 or less
Size 2	from 0.085 up to but ex- cl. 0.125	from 9 to 12	from 0.085 up to but ex- cl. 0.125	from 9 to 12
Size 3	from 0.055 up to but ex- cl. 0.085	from 13 to 18		
	Sardines		Anchovies	
	kg/fish	Number of fish to kg	kg/fish	Number of fish to kg
Size 1	0.060 and over	17 or less	0.040 and over	25 or less
Size 2	from 0.040 up to but ex- cluding 0.060	from 18 to 25	from 0.020 up to but excluding 0.040	from 26 to 50
Size 3	from 0.030 up to but ex- cluding 0.040	from 26 to 33	from 0.010 up to but excluding 0.040	from 51 to 100
Size 4	from 0.015 up to but ex- cluding 0.030	from 34 to 67		

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