

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION

extending certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain, to 30 September 1978.

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The last extension of the autonomous rules governing fishing applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain, made under Council Regulation (EEC) n° 1376/78 of 21 June 1978, comes to an end on 31 July 1978.

In spite of the belief held by both partners that it is necessary to establish their fishery relations upon a more solid and durable basis, it has not yet been possible owing to certain technical problems outstanding to terminate the negotiations with a view to concluding a framework fisheries agreement between the Community and Spain.

It is therefore necessary to extend yet again the interim rules now in force. In view of the approaching holiday period, a prolongation of two months, that is until the end of September, would be appropriate.

The allocation of quotas is made on the same basis as that used to establish the rules which apply up to 31 July.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) n°

of

extending certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain, to 30 September 1978.

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 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, by Regulation (EEC) n° 1376/78 (1), the Council most recently extended until 31 July 1978, as regards vessels flying the flag of Spain, certain provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) n° 373/77 of 24 February 1977 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries (2);

Whereas, pending the conclusion in the near future of a framework agreement between the Community and Spain, interim measures should be laid down for still a further period;

Whereas the rules for the surveillance of fishing have been established since the entry into force of Council Regulation (EEC) n° 341/78 of 20 February 1978, laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain (3), by the provisions of that Regulation and it would be appropriate to likewise extend these provisions;

Whereas this set of measures must be extended without delay and it is therefore necessary to adopt them as interim measures on the basis of Article 103 of the Treaty, subject to their being included at a later date in the common agricultural policy;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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(1) OJ No. L 167, 24.6.78, p. 9

(2) OJ No. L 53, 25.2.77, p. 1

(3) OJ No. L 49, 21.2.78, p. 1

Article 1

The only catches which vessels flying the flag of Spain are authorized to make during the period from 1 August to 30 September 1978 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 are those of the species set out in the Annex, within the quantitative limits laid down therein and caught under the conditions laid down in Articles 2 to 7 of Regulation (EEC) n° 341/78.

Article 2

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) n° 341/78, licences delivered under Regulation (EEC) n° 1376/78 shall remain valid until 30 September 1978.

New requests for licences may be submitted to replace licences returned to the Commission.

Article 3

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

Done at,

For the Council
The President

1. Fishing quotas for the period 1 August to 30 September 1978 :

	ICES zone	Quantity (tonnes)
Hake	VI	206
	VII	702
	VIII	849
Other species taken as by catches of hake fishing in accordance with Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No. 341/78	VI	412
	VII	1 404
	VIII	1 698
Anchovy	VIII	280

2. Number of standard-vessel(1) licences that may be issued for each ICES zone:

	ICES zone	Number of standard vessels
(a) Hake	VI	14
	VII	50
	VIII	57
(b) Anchovy	VIII	140
(c) Fishing exclusively with rods from vessels not exceeding 50 GRT; these vessels may not carry any other fishing gear on board	VIII	60

(1) A standard vessel is a vessel with a brake horsepower not exceeding 800 bhp. If the brake horsepower is greater than 800 bhp, the following conversion factors will be applied :

- vessels exceeding 800 but not exceeding 1 100 bhp : 1.75
- vessels exceeding 1 100 but not exceeding 1 500 bhp : 2.25

3. Maximum number of standard vessels (1) which may fish simultaneously in any given zone for which a licence has been obtained :

	Number of standard vessels
Vessels carrying out fishing referred to in point 2 (a) :	
ICES zone VI	9
VII	32
VIII	44
Vessels referred to in point 2 (c)	50

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