

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 679/80 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fisheries resources off the West coast of Greenland applicable to vessels flying the flag of Canada or under charter to companies registered in Canada

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This proposal is intended to extend Council Regulation (EEC) No 679/80, of 18 March 1980, laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fisheries resources off the West coast of Greenland applicable to vessels flying the flag of Canada or chartered by companies registered in Canada, which expires at the end of the month of April 1980. This Regulation should be replaced by a Regulation providing for a regime applicable for the entire year 1980 and based upon Article 43 of the Treaty. The Commission has already presented the Council with a proposal for such a Regulation.¹ However, it is now clear that procedures for the adoption of this second Regulation cannot be completed before the end of the month. In order to avoid a legal vacuum, which would be in breach of obligations undertaken by the Community, it would be appropriate for the Council to adopt the attached proposal for a Regulation before 1 May 1980.

(1) COM (80) 126 of 12 March 1980.

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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 it has not been possible to adopt the definitive rules for fishing off the west coast of Greenland for 1980 applicable to vessels flying the flag of Canada or under charter to companies registered in Canada before the expiry of the interim measures laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 679/80; whereas, in order to avoid an interruption in the activity of the fishermen concerned, which could also provoke consequences harmful to the interests of Community fishermen, it is necessary to extend the period of validity of the said Regulation, which expires on 30 April 1980;

Whereas this extension must take effect before that date; whereas it is therefore necessary to adopt this measure as an interim measure on the basis of Article 103 of the Treaty, subject to its inclusion at a later date within the common agricultural policy,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 1(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 679/80 the expression "30 April 1980" is replaced by "30 June 1980".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 May 1980.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President.