

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Amendment to the  
Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

establishing catch quotas for 1979 for fishing by  
vessels flying the flag of Member States of the  
Community for certain stocks occurring both in the  
maritime waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction  
of the Member States of the Community and in those  
under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Norway .

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(Presented by the Commission to the Council pursuant to  
Article 149(2) of the EEC Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its meeting in July 1979 the Consultative Committee for Fisheries Management of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) revised its recommendations as to the total authorized catches in 1979 for certain fish stocks namely cod and whiting, in the fishing zones of the Community and Norway in the North Sea.

In the light of these revised recommendations the Community and Norway held talks on 26 and 27 July 1979 in order to review their decisions on the management of the stocks in question. The delegations agreed to recommend to their authorities that the TACs should be increased in accordance with the revised recommendations of the ICES; agreement was also reached on the sharing of the amended TACs between the two parties and on certain changes in the allocation of TACs agreed for 1979 for certain other joint stocks, namely haddock and plaice. The conclusions reached in these talks are set out in an agreed record, a copy of which is annexed to this proposal .

This amended proposal for a Regulation, submitted in accordance with Article 149(2) of the EEC Treaty, amends the proposal for the Council Regulation submitted on 16 February 1979<sup>1</sup>. It takes into account the results of the abovementioned talks and the mainly technical and editorial changes made after discussions in the Council's subordinate bodies, and lays down the catch quotas for certain joint stocks in the North Sea for the Community as a whole and the fraction of those stocks which Community fishermen are authorized to fish in Norway's exclusive economic zone.

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<sup>1</sup> COM(79)75 final.

Whereas the Community and Norway have negotiated a Framework Agreement on Fisheries;

Whereas the Commission has submitted the Agreement to the Council for approval;

Whereas, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, consultations have taken place between the Community and Norway at the conclusion of which the two delegations decided to recommend to their authorities the fixing for 1979 of catch quotas for certain fish stocks occurring in the fishery zones of both parties, hereinafter called "joint stocks", for each party within its own zone and within that of the other party;

Whereas it is appropriate that the Community confirm the outcome of these consultations by establishing catch quotas for its own fishermen in accordance with the recommendations of its delegation;

Whereas provisions relating to the allocation of the said quotas between the fishermen of the Community should not be fixed until the Community has adopted a general arrangement for the conservation and management of its fishery resources,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Catches of the species referred to in the Annex by vessels flying the flag of Member States of the Community in the sea areas defined in the Annex and falling under the fisheries jurisdiction of Member States of the Community or Norway shall be limited for 1979 to the quotas set out in column 3 of the said Annex.

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

Done at Luxembourg,  
For the Council  
The President

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Agreed Minute.

1. A Norwegian and a Community delegation held consultations in Oslo on 26 - 27 July 1979 in order to consult on fisheries matters of mutual interest.

2. ICES recommendations concerning the revisions of TAC's for the North Sea stocks of cod and whiting.

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The two delegations examined the implications that recent ICES recommendations concerning the revision of TAC's for certain stocks of mutual interest might have for the quota arrangements established in the Agreed Record signed on 20 December 1978.

The Norwegian delegation preferred not to increase the TAC's, that had earlier been agreed for 1979 in order to have a safety margin in the quota management of the stocks. The Community's position was to follow the recommendations of ICES in accordance with previous policy. The Norwegian delegation accepted this proposal.

With reference to Annexes III and IV to the Agreed Record of 20 December 1978 and in particular to the footnote in Annex III, the delegations agreed to recommend to their authorities the amendments to the 1979 catch arrangements as stated in the Annex.

3. Consequences of the possibilities of fishing in the North Cape Bank area in April-June 1979.

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The Community delegation, referring to previous consultations on this subject, pointed out that the temporary North Cape Bank closure had had as a

The Community delegation indicated that Canada has not agreed to transfer any part of its allocation to the Community but has proposed that parts of its allocation be granted to Norwegian and Faroese vessels chartered by Canadian companies.

The Norwegian Delegation expressed its great surprise that no quota had been allocated to Greenland coastal fishermen and it requested information about actual catches by Greenland fishermen. It furthermore stated that it would come back to this question.

5. Quota and catch area limitations for blue whiting.

Referring to the Note Verbale from the Norwegian Mission dated 5 March 1979 regarding the quota and catch area limitation for the blue whiting stock in 1979 the Norwegian delegation asked for a formal reply from the Community. The Community representative undertook to provide a reply in the near future.

6. Implementation of arrangements for joint stocks for 1979.

The Norwegian delegation asked what measures the Community had adopted to ensure that Community vessels' catches of joint stocks did not exceed the quotas agreed on 20.12.1978.

The Community representative referred to a decision adopted by the Council on 25 June 1979 concerning interim measures to be applied by Member States of the Community.

The Norwegian representative pointed out that this decision did not seem to ensure that the agreed quotas would be respected. He proposed that the Community and Norway should exchange catch statistics monthly for the joint stocks.

Annex.

Catch arrangement for 1979 for some joint stocks.

The present catch arrangement does not prejudice in any way the shares of the joint stocks to be allocated in future years to the two parties on the basis of the zonal attachment of the joint stocks.

1000 tons	T C	Norway's catch requirements 3)	EEC's quota in Norwegian Zone	EEC's catch requirements	Norway's quota in EEC Zone
Cod	247 <sup>1)</sup>	41	26,3	206	8,2
Haddock	83	8	14,7	75	2,4
Resting	111 <sup>2)</sup>	9	8,6	102	3,5
Plaice	120	1	15,3	119	0,4

1) increased from 183

2) increased from 85

3) Norway will make an additional transfer to the EEC of a total quantity of a maximum of 4000 tons for these stocks should Norwegian catches fall below the catch requirements stated. This will be reviewed at the latest 15 October 1979.