

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Amendment of the proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1717/80 laying down for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway

(submitted to the Council by the Commission pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On 5 September 1980 delegations from the Community and from Norway held consultations in order to review their mutual needs in 1980 for certain fish stocks which occur in the fishery zones of the Community and of Norway.

These consultations, which had not reached a conclusion, were continued in discussions between Commission and Norwegian Government representatives on 8/9 October.

At the end of these discussions, representatives of the two parties agreed, subject, on the Community side, to formal confirmation by the Council, to an arrangement consisting of the following elements :

- (a) the transfer to the Community of the following quantities of the parts of the TACs, which had been previously agreed and which are at Norway's disposal, for the joint stocks indicated below :
- cod ICES sub-area IV 4,500 t
 - saithe ICES sub-area IV + IIIa 2,500 t
 - haddock ICES sub-area IV 1,000 t
- (b) an increase of 40,000 t in the sprat quota allocated to Norwegian sprat quota allocated to Norwegian vessels for fishing in the Community zone.

It is understood that, in order to permit the increase in the quota referred to under (b), it will be necessary to increase the TAC for the stock concerned, which is an autonomous Community stock, by 40,000 t.

Representatives of the Member States have expressed a favorable opinion concerning this arrangement which was later confirmed by an exchange of letters between the two parties.

The Commission has already submitted to the Council a proposal to increase the TAC fixed by the Regulation (EEC) n° 754/80 for the stock referred to under point (b) above as well as a modification of the proposal for a regulation distributing between Member States overall

catch possibilities, available to the Community in 1980, of stocks or groups of stocks of fish occurring in the Community fisheries zone.

The present proposal consists of modifications to the proposal for a Council regulation (doc. COM (80) 536 of 18.9.1980), modifying regulation n° 1717/80 and has as its objective the implementation of the arrangement described above by increasing, for 1980, the sprat quota which can be fished by Norwegian fishermen in the Community zone.

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Insert, after the last recital, the following recital :

- Whereas, following consultations which took place in September and October, Norway offered to transfer to the Community fishing possibilities for certain joint stocks in the North Sea on condition that the Norwegian fishing quota for sprat is increased ;

- Annex I is replaced by the attached Annex.

ANNEX
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Fishing quotas

Species	Area within which fishing is authorized	Quantity (tonnes)
Herring	Skagerrak (1)	4.25 (2)
Mackerel	ICES IV and Skagerrak (1) ICES VI a) (2) + VII d), e), f), h)	39 800 22 000
Home-mackerel	ICES IV, VI a) (2) + VII d), e), f), h)	5 000
Sprat	ICES IV Skagerrak	111.000 11 000 (2)
Cod	ICES IV Skagerrak (1)	10 000 2 000 (2)
Haddock	ICES IV Skagerrak (1)	6.000 300 (2)
Saithe	ICES IV and Skagerrak (1)	20 000
Whiting	ICES IV Skagerrak (1)	7.000 400 (2)
Plaice	ICES IV Skagerrak (1)	500 200 (2)
Sandeel, Norway pout/ blue whiting	ICES IV	50 000 (2)
Blue whiting	ICES II, VI a) (2), VI b), VII (2), XIV	125 000
Ling, blue ling and tusk	ICES IV, VI, VII	20 000
Dogfish	ICES IV, VI, VII	8 000 (2)
Basking shark (2)	ICES IV, VI, VII	800 (2)
Porbeagle	ICES IV, VI, VII	1 000
Northern deep-water prawn (<i>Pandalus borealis</i>)	NAFO I (1) ICES XIV	2 500 2 500 (2)
Greenland halibut and redfish	NAFO I, ICES XIV	1 800
Halibut	NAFO I, ICES XIV	200
Capelin	ICES XIV (2), V a) (10)	20 000
Other species	ICES IV	5 000

(1) Limited in the west by a line drawn from the lighthouse of Hanstholm to the lighthouse of Lindesnes and in the south by a line drawn from Skagen lighthouse to the lighthouse of Tistlarna and from there to the nearest coast of Sweden.

(2) To be reduced by the quantities taken outside the EEC fishing zone.

(2) North of 56° 30' N.

(2) Of which sandeel alone no more than 50 000 tonnes of Norway pout and blue whiting together no more than 40 000 tonnes.

(2) West of 12° W.

(2) This quota does not include catches taken in the areas defined in Annex II.

(2) Basking shark liver.

(2) South of 68° N.

(2) Experimental fishery only.

(10) South of 67° N.