

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 31 January 1978.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

laying down certain interim measures for the
conservation and management of fishery re-
sources applicable to vessels flying the flag
of Norway.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its session of 6 and 7 December 1977 the Council decided to extend all arrangements applicable to fishing by the vessels of non member countries in the Community fishery zone up to 31 January 1978, pending a decision by the Council of 16 January 1978 upon the Commission's proposals for an internal fisheries policy.

As the Council did not arrive at such a decision on 16 January it is now necessary to extend once more these interim arrangements in order to avoid an interruption of reciprocal fishing.

The regulation which is the subject of the present proposal is intended to extend the interim regime applicable to Norwegian vessels for a further one-month period.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No. /77

of

laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Council adopted, on 30 January 1978, regulations establishing a Community policy for the conservation and management of fishery resources;

Whereas in Regulation (EEC) No. 2156/77 (1) the Council laid down, for the period up to 31st December 1977 certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway;

Whereas in Regulation (EEC) No. 2899/77 (2) the Council extended the application of certain measures of the said Regulation until 31 January 1978;

Whereas the negotiations between the European Economic Community and Norway in order to conclude a framework agreement on fisheries have been completed, but the negotiated agreement has not yet been concluded;

Whereas the two parties have consulted in accordance with the terms of the negotiated agreement in order to define reciprocal fishing rights for the year 1978; that pending the completion of these consultations and to avoid the interruption of reciprocal fishing it is necessary to lay down new interim measures for an additional one-month period;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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(1) OJ No. 250, 30.9.1977, p. 10
(2) OJ No. 338, 28.12.1977, p. 5

Article 1

1. Catches of herring from West of Scotland stocks which vessels flying the flag of Norway are authorized to take may not exceed 1 000 tons for the period 1 to 28 February 1978.
2. The fishing zones authorized for the catches of herring referred to in paragraph 1 are those in which such catches have traditionally been recorded in previous years.
3. The fishing quota referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted subject to compliance with the conservation and monitoring measures and other provisions governing fishing in the zones in question.

Article 2

Member States shall take measures to ensure, as far as possible, the enforcement of Article 1 as regards the maritime waters coming under their sovereignty or falling under their jurisdiction, including in particular the regular inspection of vessels.

Article 3

Within 24 hours of detecting any infringement, Member States shall inform the Commission of the name of the vessel involved and details of the action they have taken.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 February 1978.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President