

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending the Council Regulation (EEC) laying down certain  
interim measures for the conservation and management of  
North Sea herring

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(Presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Following the deliberations in the Council at its meeting on 25 October on the particular social situation which might arise because of the prohibition on North Sea herring fishing in the period up to 31 December 1977, and in view of the additional information received since then on this situation, it is proposed that an exceptional quota of 600 tonnes shall be granted to certain inshore fishermen on the French coast between Etaples and la Baie de Seine. This derogation applies only to fishermen using small vessels equipped with gill or drift nets.



Regulation amending  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) .....  
of 25 October 1977

laying down the interim measures for the conservation and  
management of North Sea herring

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 350/77 of 18 February 1977 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources<sup>1</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1673/77<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 1(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No        laying down the interim measures for the conservation and management of North Sea herring prolonged the prohibition on herring fishing in the North Sea until 31 December 1977 pending a re-examination of the situation;

Whereas, however, this measure affects certain local small-scale inshore fishermen in one Member State particularly seriously; whereas a large proportion of their annual resources comes from herring stocks fished in close proximity to their coast during the period under consideration, without any possible alternative in view of the type of fishing equipment used; whereas, therefore, to take account of the social consequences of such a measure on this particular local situation, a limited exception should be made to the prohibition on the fishing of North Sea herring in respect of the fishermen concerned in that Member State,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 48, 19 February 1977, p. 28.

<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 186, 26 July 1977, p. 30.

Article 1

The following paragraph is added to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 77

2.

However, France shall be authorized to carry out direct fishing for North Sea herring in Division VII, d, up to a limit of 600 tonnes and subject to the conditions laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

The provisions of Article 1(2) shall apply only to inshore fishermen operating from the ports of Etaples on the Baie de Somme, Le Treport and Fecamp, with vessels of less than 30 GRT using gill nets or drift nets.

