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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and
management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying
the flag of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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REGULATION

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No. 2158/77 of 20 November 1977

laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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 3 November 1976, a set of resolutions concerning certain external and internal aspects of the common fisheries policy;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No. 194/77 (1) the Council laid down for the period 1 January 1977 to 31 March 1977, certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), which were subsequently extended by Regulations (EEC) No. 745/77(2), (EEC) No. 1172/77(3), (EEC) 1413/77(4), and (EEC) No. 2158/77(5);

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No. 2158/77 expired on 30 November 1977; whereas the allocation of catch-quota to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which has been accepted for the year 1977 by the Community within the framework of the International Commission for North-West Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF) in the ICNAF zone 1, has not been completely used up;

Whereas, consequently, it is necessary to authorize vessels flying the flag of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to continue to make certain catches in that zone until 31 December 1977;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

- (1) OJ No L 25, 29.1.1977, p. 46
- (2) OJ No L 90, 8.4.1977, p. 7
- (3) OJ No L 137, 3.6.1977, p. 13
- (4) OJ No L 160, 30.6.1977, p. 8
- (5) OJ No L 250, 30.9.1977, p. 13

Article 1

The only catches which vessels flying the flag of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall be authorized to take in the 200 miles fishing zones situated off the coasts of the Member States of the Community (Kingdom of Belgium, Kingdom of Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, French Republic, Kingdom of the Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and covered by Community rules on fisheries are laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

Fishing within the zones referred to in Article 1 shall be subject to the granting of a licence by the Commission on behalf of the Community, and to observance of the conditions set out in the licence.

Article 3

When an application to a licence is submitted to the Commission the following information shall be supplied :

- a) name of the vessel,
- b) registration number,
- c) external identification letters and numbers,
- d) port of registration,
- e) name and address of the owner or charterer,
- f) gross tonnage and overall length,
- g) engine power,
- h) call sign and radio frequency,
- i) intended method of fishing,
- j) intended area of fishing,
- k) species intended to be fished,
- l) period for which licence is requested.

Article 4

Each licence shall be valid for one vessel only. When several vessels are participating in the same haul, each vessel should have a licence.

Article 5

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 regular inspection of vessels.

Article 6

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 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

1. Catch quota for the period from 1. 12. 1977 to 31. 12. 1977 inclusive.

Species	Division		Quantity (tonnes)
	ICES	ICNAF	
Roundnose Grenadier		1	3800 (1)
Greenland Halibut		1	10000 (1)

(1) Less the quantities caught in the period from 1 January to 30 November 1977 in the ICNAF Zones 0 and 1, as well as the quantities to be caught in the month of December in the ICNAF Zone 0.

2. Number of standard-vessel licences that may be issued for each ICES or ICNAF division (1)

Division (ICES or ICNAF)	Number of licences
1 (ICNAF)	7

(2) Standard vessels are vessels with a tonnage of between 2000 and 2950 GRT. If the GRT is below 2000 tonnes the following conversion factors will be applied :

- up to 1000 GRT : 2.5
- between 1000 and 2000 GRT : 1.5

3. Maximum number and type of vessels permitted to fish at the same time in a given zone for which a licence has been obtained

Division (ICES or ICNAF)	Number of vessels
1 (ICNAF)	7