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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

allocating, for 1998, certain catch quotas between Member States
for vessels fishing in Faroese waters

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The consultations between the Community and the Faroe Islands, held in Tórshavn on 13 and 14 October 1997, resulted in an agreement on reciprocal fisheries arrangements for 1998. These arrangements imply, inter alia, certain catch quota for Community vessels in Faroese waters.

The purpose of this proposal for a regulation is to allocate among Member States the quotas available in 1998 to Community vessels fishing in the Faroese zone under the above mentioned arrangements.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No/98

of December 1997

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, the two parties have held consultations on their mutual fishing rights for 1998;

Whereas, as a result of these consultations, the two Parties have agreed on an arrangement for 1998 whereby certain catch quotas are allocated to Community vessels in the Faroese fishing zone;

Whereas, to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available, they should be allocated among Member States as quotas in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No. 3760/92;

Whereas the fishing activities covered by this Regulation are subject to the relevant control measures provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy⁽²⁾;

Whereas additional conditions for the year-to-year management of TACs and quotas, in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 847/96⁽³⁾, were not agreed with the Faroe Islands,

Whereas, for imperative reasons of common interest, this Regulation will apply from 1 January 1998,

(1) OJ No L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession

(2) OJ No L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

(3) OJ NO L 115, 9.5.1996, p.3

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1998 catches taken by vessels flying the flag of a Member State in the waters falling within the fisheries jurisdiction of the Faroe Islands, under the arrangement on reciprocal fishing rights for 1998 between the Community and the Faroe Islands, shall not exceed the quotas set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

Fishing quotas referred to in the Annex shall not be subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 2, 3 and 5 (2) of Regulation (EC) No. 847/96.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, December 1997.

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Faroese waters for 1998,

as referred to in Article 1

(in metric tonnes, fresh round weight)

Species	ICES Division	Community catch quotas	Quotas allocated to Member States
Cod, haddock	Vb 1	500	France 60
			Germany 10
			United Kingdom 430
Saithe	Vb	2,500	Belgium 50
			France 1,510
			Germany 310
			Netherlands 50
			United Kingdom 580
Redfish	Vb	7,000	Belgium 50
			France 435
			Germany 6,440
			United Kingdom 75
Blue ling, ling	Vb	3,600 ⁽¹⁾	France 2,340
			Germany 1,055
			United Kingdom 205
Blue whiting	Vb	25,000	Denmark 11,000
			France
			Germany 3,000
			Netherlands
			United Kingdom 11,000
Flatfish	Vb	1,000 ⁽²⁾	France 140
			Germany 180
			United Kingdom 680
Mackerel	Vb	3,270	Denmark 3,270
Other species	Vb	760 ⁽³⁾	France 275
			Germany 305
			United Kingdom 180

(1) By-catches of roundnose grenadier and black scabbard to be counted against this quota.

(2) Including Greenland halibut.

(3) Excluding fish species of no commercial value.

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