COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 April 1973

authorizing the temporary continuance by the United Kingdom of the two systems of minimum prices for certain fishery products

(73/119/EEC)

(Only the English text is authentic)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Treaty [1] concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, and in particular Article 63 of the Act [2] annexed thereto;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 [3] of 20 October 1970 on the common organization of the market in fishery products as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 220/73 [4], has provided for the formation of producers' organizations which impose on their members the obligation of conforming to certain rules, in particular of promoting the stabilization of market prices; whereas in fact, they lead to the fixing of prices below which the producers organizations do not sell the products bought by their members;

Whereas before the application in the United Kingdom of the relevant Community regulation, two minimum prices schemes had been applied in this Member State with the aim of stabilizing prices in the fishery sector; whereas the Community regime, which must replace these schemes cannot in the short term assure the same degree of stabilization;

Whereas in order not to endanger the attempts undertaken in this Member State under these conditions, it is required to authorize it, as a transitional measure, to maintain during the year 1973 its two present minimum prices schemes;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Fishery Products;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

With effect from 1 February 1973, the United Kingdom is authorized to maintain, until 31 December 1973, the system of minimum prices formerly applying for herring, cod, haddock, whiting, plaice and saithe.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 11 April 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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[1] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] OJ No L 236, 27. 10. 1970, p. 5.
[4] OJ No L 27, 1. 2. 1973, p. 1.