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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 November 1993

amending Decision 92/589/EEC of 21 December 1992 on a multi-annual guidance programme for the fishing fleet of Belgium for the period 1993 to 1996 pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(93/660/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86, of 18 December 1986 on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3946/92 (2), and in particular Articles 4 and 5 (2) thereof,

Whereas Belgium transmitted to the Commission a memorandum concerning the multi-annual guidance programme for its fleet adopted on 21 December 1992;

Whereas in this memorandum the Belgian authorities considered that the strict application of the objectives envisaged by their programme would lead to the disappearance of the whole of the Belgian fishing industry because of the small size of the fleet;

Whereas the Belgian authorities evaluated the maximum reductions in capacity by segment of their fleet which were possible whilst maintaining a minimum level vital to their fishing industry;

Whereas these evaluations were communicated to the Commission on 9 June 1993;

Whereas the reductions in capacity thus obtained will represent a diminution in the global capacity of the Belgian fleet as at 1 January 1992 of the order of 15 % in power and 23 % in tonnage;

Whereas the measures envisaged in the present Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The table of objectives for the multi-annual guidance programmes for the Belgian fleet for the period 1993 to 1996, shown in the Annex to the present Decision, including the footnotes, cancels and replaces that shown in the Annex to Decision 92/589/EEC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 22 November 1993.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 376, 31. 12. 1986, p. 7.
(2) OJ No L 401, 31. 12. 1992, p. 31.

ANNEX

BELGIUM

Zone	Segment	ICES area	Situation 1. 1. 1992			Objective 31. 12. 1991		Reduction by segment (%)		Objective 31. 12. 1996	
			n	GRT (1)	kW	tsl	kW	GRT	kW	GRT (1) (2)	kW (2)
Coastal	Netters	IV		49	609					18	471
	Beam trawlers	IV, VII		5 470	18 432					3 594	13 817
	Subtotal			*5 519*	*19 041*					*3 612*	*14 288*
Community waters	Beam trawlers	IIIa, VII, VIIIa, b		17 027	49 650					16 132	49 699
	Demersal trawlers	IV-VII		3 882	9 758					1 170	3 870
	Subtotal			*20 909*	*59 408*					*17 302*	*53 569*
Third country and international	Demersal trawlers	Va		661	1 367					0	0
	Subtotal			*661*	*1 367*					*0*	*0*
	Total A		205	27 089	79 816	21 340	69 242			20 914	67 857
	Specific vessels										
	Total B										

(1) Pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 tonnage will be measured as gross tonnage for all vessels by 18 July 1994 at the latest.

(2) The Objectives 1996 were fixed independently of the rules established in Decision 92/589/EEC. They take account of the modest size of the Belgian fleet and that a minimum global capacity must be safeguarded to prevent it falling below the threshold for the economic viability of the country's fishing industry. The objectives for each segment were communicated to the Commission by the Belgian authorities on 8 June 1993.