COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 June 1995

amending Decision 92/592/EEC on the multiannual guidance programme for the fishing fleet of the Italian Republic for the period 1993 to 1996

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(95/242/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3699/93 of 21 December 1993 laying down the criteria and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and the processing and marketing of its products [1], and in particular Article 6 (5) and (6) thereof,

Whereas in application of the provisions of point 7 of the Annex to Commission Decision 92/592/EEC [2], the Commission considered that a revision of the programme was necessary, in the light of the experience gained and the provisions of national and Community regulations in force, in order to take into account new elements which improve the conditions under which the programmes are executed and thus to ensure that the objectives fixed by the programme are better respected;

Whereas among the new elements mentioned in the first recital it is appropriate to take into account a certain number of new provisions, such as:

— the provisions for the harmonization of fishing vessel measurements in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 3259/94 of 22 December 1994 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 defining the characteristics of fishing vessels [3],

— the provisions to express the objectives of the programmes in terms of fishing effort, including the level of activity of the vessels, and the declaration procedures adopted in the framework of Commission Regulation (EC) No 109/94 of 19 January 1994 concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community [4],

— the new Community and national regulatory provisions or techniques apply to the management of fleet fishing capacity and activity falling within the scope of the present programme,

— the grouping of fleet segments where this respects the fishing effort reduction rates to be applied on the most sensitive fish stocks;

Whereas in the application of the provisions of Article 11 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 [5] the Council adopted Decision 94/15/EC [6] relating to the objectives and detailed rules for restructuring the Community fisheries sector over the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1996 with a view to achieving a lasting balance between the resources and their exploitation; whereas the modifications adopted by the present Commission Decision may not change or reduce the scope of the guidelines adopted by the Council;

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[1] OJ No L 346, 31. 12. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 401, 31. 12. 1992, p. 27.
[3] OJ No L 339, 29. 12. 1994, p. 11.
[4] OJ No L 19, 22. 1. 1994, p. 5.
[5] OJ No L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
[6] OJ No L 10, 14. 1. 1994, p. 20.

Whereas certain Member States were not able to forward before the required deadline all of the data and information to allow the Commission to adopt before 31 December 1994 the draft Decisions concerning the mid-term review of the programmes;

Whereas the measures provided for in the present Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION

Article 1

Decision 92/592/EEC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 2 in the first paragraph 'capacity' is replaced by 'effort'.

2. In Article 4, the sentence 'At the latest by 15 February and 31 July of each year for the previous six-month period ending on 31 December and 30 June respectively . . .' is replaced by 'At the latest by 31 March of each year for the previous year ending on 31 December . . .'

3. In the Annex:

— In point 1 'Segmentation' the following paragraphs are added:

'Identification of segments

For each segment of the fleet a corresponding list of vessels and their characteristics are transmitted to the Commission by the Member State before 31 December 1994, in accordance with the procedures described in the framework of Commission Regulation (EC) No 109/94 of 19 January 1994 concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community (*), and in particular Annex I thereof and the categories of programmes defined therein.

Grouping of segments

Subject to the agreement of the Commission, the Member State can group several segments of the fleet. In this case, the rate of reduction applied is that corresponding to the most sensitive of the stocks targeted by the group which applies to the new segment thus formed.

Management of segments with polyvalent vessels

For clearly defined fisheries, the Member State can subsegment the fleet composed of polyvalent vessels targeting alternatively demersal, benthic or pelagic stocks. Each subsegment is distinguished by the sum of the fishing effort devoted to it, and registered as such in the table of objectives shown in the Annex to the present Decision. The management of the corresponding fishing effort must be in accordance with the procedures of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 109/94.

(*) OJ No L 19, 22. 1. 1994, p. 5.'

— In point 2 'Final objectives by segment':

— the text in brackets in the first paragraph, namely '(tonnage in GRT and engine power in kW)' is replaced by '(tonnage in gross tonnage (GT) and engine power in kilowatts (kW))',

— the following new paragraph is added at the end of this point:

'The application of the preceding formula to determine the final objectives in GT by segment takes into account, the estimation of GT as at 1 January 1992 for each of these segments on the basis of the provisions of Commission Decision 95/84/EC (**), and in particular the submission to the Commission by the Member States of the data on the GT of the fleet as at 15 March 1995.

The utilization of these data, segment by segment, to estimate the GT values at the start of the programme takes into account the history of the vessels as recorded in the fishing vessel register of the Community, including the vessels which disappeared or were constructed between 1 January 1992 and 15 December 1994.

The GT of the fleet at 1 January 1992 is the sum of the GT by segment thus obtained.

The value in GT of the global objectives for 31 December 1991 is determined by the application of the following formula:

$$\text{obj. 91 (GT)} = \text{obj. 91 (GRT)} \times \text{sit. 91 (GT)/sit. 91 (GRT)}$$

where:

obj. 91 (GT) = objective for 31 December 1991 in gross tonnage
obj. 91 (GRT) = objective for 31 December 1991 in gross registered tonnage
sit. 91 (GT) = situation at 1 January 1992 in gross tonnage
sit. 91 (GRT) = situation at 1 January 1992 in gross registered tonnage

The estimation of GT at 1 January 1992 of vessels which have since been permanently withdrawn from the national and Community fishing vessel registers and for which the remeasurement formulae defined by Decision 95/84/EC cannot be applied, will be made by applying the ratio GT/GRT of existing vessels in the same length class and belonging to the same segment.

(**) OJ No L 67, 25. 3. 1995, p. 33.'

— In point 5 'Implementation and monitoring' the third indent is replaced by the following:

'— data permitting the measures implemented under this programme to be monitored, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 109/94 concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community, and in particular Articles 4 and 5 thereof.'

— Point 6 'Planned measures' is deleted.

— Point 7 'Revision of the programme' becomes point 6. The second and third paragraphs are deleted

4. The table of objectives presented at the end of the Annex is deleted and replaced by the table annexed to the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Italy.

Done at Brussels, 7 June 1995.

For the Commission
Emma BONINO
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'Zone	Segment	Category of programme	Fleet register situation for 1. 1. 1992 at the time of adoption of the present Decision (1)			Objective for 31. 12. 1991		Reduction by segment (%)	Objective for 31. 12. 1996			
									In capacity		In fishing effort (*)	
			Number of vessels	GRT	kW	GRT	kW		GRT	kW	Σ (GT × t)	Σ (kW × t)
Coastal	Bottom trawlers' (and volante)	C14	1 541	57 199	285 544			20	45 883	229 200		
	Pelagic pair trawlers	C13	45	1 967	11 352			0	1 972	11 390		
	Seiners (tuna)	C23	88	3 662	20 082			0	3 672	20 150		
	Longliners and liners	C20	72	1 243	9 774			0	1 247	9 807		
	Netters	C18	943	3 655	28 103			0	3 665	28 197		
	Suction dredgers	C16	230	2 348	24 393			0	2 355	24 475		
	Manual dredgers	C15	31	242	2 000			0	243	2 007		
	Polyvalent (trawlers)	C21	171	2 021	16 090			20	1 621	12 915		
	Polyvalent (non-trawlers)	C22	13 358	140 936	1 015 761			0	141 319	1 019 163		
	Subtotal		16 479	213 275	1 413 099				201 979	1 357 303		
Mediterranean	Bottom trawlers	M10	104	17 251	46 821			20	13 838	37 582		
	Polyvalent (non-trawlers)	M12	25	3 360	11 690			0	3 369	11 729		
	Subtotal		129	20 611	58 511				17 207	49 311		
Third country and international	Bottom trawlers	G15	42	24 469	46 912			15	20 855	40 008		
	Tuna fleet	G29	20	9 116	17 997			0	9 141	18 057		
	Subtotal		62	33 585	64 908				29 996	58 065		
	Total		16 670	267 471	1 536 518	268 198	1 541 664		249 182	1 464 680		

(*) This refers to the total allowable fishing effort from 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1996, calculated as the sum of the annual intermediate effort objectives over this period. The annual objectives are calculated as the product of the annual intermediate objectives expressed in units of capacity and the baseline number of days at sea as defined in Annex II. For segments for which the objectives are to be met purely by reductions in capacity these columns are left blank, since the activity of vessels in these segments remains subject to the provisions of Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 109/94.
The services of the Commission will express the objectives of the programmes in GT as Member States fulfil the obligations to remeasure their fleets as described in Commission Decision 95/84/EC.

(1) The figures for the situation at 1 January 1992 are provisional and will be revised before 30 September 1995.'