COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 September 2004

on the allocation of additional days absent from port to Denmark and the United Kingdom in accordance with Annex V to Council Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003

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(Only the Danish and English texts are authentic)

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 of 19 December 2003 fixing for 2004 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required [1], and in particular paragraph 6(c) of Annex V,

Whereas:

(1) Paragraph 6(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 specifies the number of days on which certain Community fishing vessels may be absent from port in the geographical areas defined in paragraph 2 of that Annex from 1 February 2004 to 31 December 2004.

(2) Paragraph 6(c) of that Annex enables the Commission to allocate an additional number of days on which a vessel may be absent from port while carrying on board any of the gears defined in paragraph 4 of that Annex on the basis of the achieved results of decommissioning programmes since 1 January 2002 for fishing vessels affected by the provisions of that Annex.

(3) Denmark and United Kingdom have submitted data on the decommissioning in 2002 and 2003 of fishing vessels carrying on board demersal trawls, seines or similar towed gears of mesh size equal to or greater than 100 mm except beam trawls.

(4) The United Kingdom has submitted data on the decommissioning in 2002 and 2003 of fishing vessels carrying on board beam trawls of mesh size equal to or greater than 80 mm.

(5) In the view of the data submitted, an additional number of days should be allocated to Denmark and the United Kingdom for fishing vessels carrying on board such fishing gears defined in paragraph 4(a) and (b) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following additional days, in relation to those set out in point 6(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003, shall be allocated in each calendar month for vessels carrying on board demersal trawls, seines or similar owed gears of mesh size equal to or greater than 100 mm except beam trawls as follows:

(a) Denmark: three days,

(b) United Kingdom: five days.

[1] OJ L 344, 31.12.2003, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1645/2004 (OJ L 296, 21.9.2004, p. 3).

Article 2

Two additional days, in relation to those set out in point 6(a) of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003, shall be allocated to the United Kingdom in each calendar for vessels carrying on board beam trawls of mesh size equal or greater than 80 mm.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Denmark and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 9 September 2004.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission