COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1057/77

of 17 May 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 350/77 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 103 thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession, and in particular Article 102 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas all the latest scientific estimates of the North Sea herring stock for 1977 are not yet available; whereas, therefore, the prohibition on herring fishing in the North Sea should be extended to 30 June 1977 on the understanding that the Council will have to adopt before 1 July 1977 the measures to be applied for the remaining part of 1977;

Whereas, however, an exception to this prohibition should be made for the Netherlands as a result of the particular situation of that country;

Whereas the prohibition on herring fishing in the North Sea involves the risk that the fishing effort will be transferred to other zones; whereas herring fishing in the West of Scotland zone should therefore be regulated,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The text of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 350/77 of 18 February 1977 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources [1], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 879/77 [2], shall be replaced by the following:

'1. Fishing for North Sea herring shall be prohibited from 28 February 1977 until 30 June 1977 in sub-area IV and division VII-d defined by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

However, the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall be authorized to catch up to 1 500 tonnes of North Sea herring in June by direct fishing.

2. The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall lay down, before 1 July 1977, the measures to be applied for the remaining part of 1977.

These measures shall be determined taking account of the results of the latest available scientific evidence concerning the North Sea herring stock for 1977.'

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 350/77 shall be supplemented by the following Article 2a:

'*Article 2a*

Herring fishing shall be prohibited in division VI-a defined by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (West of Scotland including Donegal Bay) until 30 June 1977.'

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 June 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 17 May 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

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[1] OJ No L 48, 19. 2. 1977, p. 28.
[2] OJ No L 106, 29. 4. 1977, p. 30.