COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1709/77

of 26 July 1977

extending, as regards Spain, Regulation (EEC) No 373/77 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Council adopted, on 3 November 1976, a set of resolutions concerning certain external and internal aspects of the common fisheries policy ;

Whereas in Regulation (EEC) No 373/77 [1] the Council laid down, for the period 1 January to 31 March 1977, certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries, and in particular Spain ;

Whereas in Regulations (EEC) No 746/77 [2] and (EEC) No 1416/77 [3] the Council extended the application of certain provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 373/77 ;

Whereas the above Regulations were adopted in order to establish interim measures pending the conclusion of negotiations between the Community and these countries, and in particular Spain, with a view to concluding Framework Agreements on fisheries ;

Whereas the negotiations with Spain have not yet been concluded, and it is therefore necessary to extend, in respect of that country, the application of Regulation (EEC) No 373/77 for a period of two months,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 373/77 the date '31 July 1977' shall be replaced by '30 September 1977'.

Article 2

1. The fishing quotas granted to Spain for the period 1 August to 30 September 1977 shall be the same proportionally as those granted to it during the period 1 January to 31 March 1977.

2. The fishing quotas shall be granted subject to compliance with the conservation measures and supervisory measures and other provisions governing fishing in the zones referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 373/77.

Article 3

1. Fishing within the zone referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 373/77 by vessels flying the flag of Spain shall be subject to the granting of a licence on behalf of the Community by the authorities of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council.

2. Each licence shall be valid for one vessel only for a period not extending beyond 30 September 1977 and for the species of fish indicated in the licence within the quantitative and geographical limits referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 373/77.

3. The maximum number of vessels permitted to fish in a given geographical zone is specified in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 746/77.

Article 4

When an application for a licence is submitted to the authorities referred to in Article 3, the following information shall be supplied :

(a) name of the vessel ;

(b) registration number and external identification letters and numbers ;

(c) port of registration ;

(d) name and address of the owner or charterer ;

(e) gross tonnage and overall length ;

(f) engine power ;

(g) call sign and radio frequency ;

(h) intended method of fishing ;

(i) intended area of fishing ;

(j) species intended to be fished ;

(k) period for which licence is requested.

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[1] OJ No L 53, 25. 2. 1977, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 90, 8. 4. 1977, p. 8.
[3] OJ No L 160, 30. 6. 1977, p. 18.

Article 5

The Member States shall take measures to ensure, as far as possible, the enforcement of Articles 1, 2 and 3 as regards the maritime waters coming under their sovereignty or falling under their jurisdiction, including in particular regular inspection of the vessels of non-member countries.

In this connection, Member States and the Commission shall communicate to each other the information required for compliance with this Regulation, with regard in particular to the monitoring of the volume of catches taken by vessels from the non-member countries concerned.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply until 30 September 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET