COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2479/77

of 8 November 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2366/77 laying down the interim measures for the conservation and management of North Sea herring

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to 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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1673/77 [2], and in particular Article 1 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2366/77 of 25 October 1977 laying down the interim measures for the conservation and management of North Sea herring [3] extended the ban on herring fishing in the North Sea until 31 December 1977 pending a re-examination of the situation;

Whereas, however, this measure affects certain local small-scale inshore fishermen in one Member State particularly seriously; whereas a large proportion of their annual income comes from herring stocks fished in close proximity to their coast during the period under consideration, there being no possible alternative in view of the type of fishing equipment used; whereas, therefore, to take account of the social consequences of such a measure on this particular local situation, a limited derogation should be made to the ban on the fishing of North Sea herring, in respect of the fishermen concerned in that Member State,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following paragraph shall be added to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2366/77:

'However, France shall be authorized to carry out direct fishing for North Sea herring in Division VII d as defined by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) catching up to a limit of 600 tonnes and subject to the conditions laid down in the Annex'.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 8 November 1977.

For the Council

The President

A. HUMBLET

ANNEX

The provisions of Article 1 (2) shall apply only to inshore fishermen operating from the port of Etaples, the ports on the Baie de Somme, Le Tréport and Fécamp, with vessels of less than 30 GRT using gill nets or drift nets.

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(1) OJ No L 48, 19. 2. 1977, p. 28.
(2) OJ No L 186, 26. 7. 1977, p. 30.
(3) OJ No L 277, 29. 10. 1977, p. 8.