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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 373/77

of 24 February 1977

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 (1),

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 the Council adopted, at its meeting on 20 December 1976, a statement on fishery activities in January 1977;

Whereas notifications have been forwarded to the Bulgarian, Cuban, Japanese and Romanian Governments in order to communicate the Council Decisions of 13 and 20 December 1976 prohibiting all fishing activities by their vessels, as from 1 January 1977, in the 200 nautical mile fishing zones of the Member States situated off the North Sea and Atlantic coasts and covered by Community rules on fisheries;

Whereas, in order to preserve fishing grounds, access by the fishing vessels of non-member countries to these waters must be restricted;

Whereas to this end the Council adopted on 28 January 1977, Regulation (EEC) No 194/77 laying down certain interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Poland, the GDR or the USSR (2);

Whereas interim measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources should also be taken in respect of vessels flying the flag of Spain, Finland, Portugal and Sweden and of Canada and the United States of America pending the conclusion of the fishing agreements currently being negotiated with these countries,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The only catches which Spain, Finland, Portugal and Sweden are authorized to make from 1 January 1977 until 31 March 1977 in the 200 nautical mile fishing zones of the Member States situated off the North Sea and Atlantic coasts and covered by Community rules on fisheries, and the places where such catches may be made, are laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

Pending the conclusions of a fishing agreement with Canada, the total catches which that country is authorized to make from 1 January 1977 until 31 December 1977 shall be equal, for the zones referred to in Article 1, to the quantity for which the quotas valid for 1977 were fixed by the International Commission for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF), and, for that part of the zones referred to in Article 1 which lie off the St Pierre and Miquelon Islands, to the catch possibilities provided for in the 1972 Agreement between France and Canada on mutual relations in fishery matters.

(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(2) OJ No L 25, 29. 1. 1977, p. 46.

Article 3

Pending the conclusion of a fishing agreement with the United States of America, the catches which that country is authorized to make from 1 January 1977 to 31 December 1977 in the zones referred to in Article 1 shall be those recorded for the same species as were caught in 1975, with the same monthly spread as recorded in 1975, subject to the fixing for these species of any maximum authorized catches and of any catch quotas.

Article 4

The Member States shall take the measures necessary to ensure to the fullest extent possible the implementation of Article 1 to 3 as regards the 200 nautical mile fishing zones of the Member States situated off the North Sea and Atlantic coasts and covered by Community rules on fishing, including regular inspection of the vessels of non-member countries.

In this connection, the Member States and the Commission shall communicate to each other the information necessary for the purposes of complying with this Regulation, in particular concerning the monitoring of the size of catches made by the vessels of the non-member countries concerned.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 24 February 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

ANNEX

Quantities which may be caught by certain non-member countries, by species and fishing area

The zones concerned are those defined by the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) or defined in the Annex to the Convention establishing the International Commission for the North-West Atlantic Fisheries Commission (ICNAF), in so far as they are situated in the fishing zones of the Member States extending up to 200 nautical miles from coasts bordering on the North Sea and the Atlantic, and covered by Community rules on fisheries.

Species	Zone	Quantity (tonnes)
	SPAIN	
Hake	VI, VII, VIII	3 200
Horse mackerel	VI A as far as it extends west of the line defined in footnote (1) below, VI B	170
Horse mackerel	VII C, VII K, VII J, as far as it extends south of 50° 30' north latitude, VII H	5 720
Horse mackerel	VIII as far as it extends west of the line defined in footnote (2) below	4 110
All species except clupeiformes and invertebrates	VIII	20 000
	FINLAND	
Herring	IV	(token entry)
	PORTUGAL	
Cod	1 (ICNAF)	375
	SWEDEN (3)	
Haddock	IV	675
Sprat	IV	1 490
Mackerel	IV	1 063
Whiting	IV	225
Herring	IV	(token entry)

(1) The line originating in point :

6° W 60° N, thence southwards to
6° W 58° 30' N, thence westwards to
10° W 58° 30' N, thence southwards to
10° W 56° 30' N, thence westwards to
12° W 56° 30' N, thence southwards to
12° W 54° 30' N.

(2) The line originating in point :

8° W 48° N, thence southwards to
8° W 47° N, thence eastwards to
6° W 47° N, thence southwards to
6° W 46° 30' N, thence eastwards to
5° W 46° 30' N, thence southwards to
5° W 46° N, thence eastwards to
4° W 46° N, thence southwards to
4° W 45° N, thence eastwards to
2° W 45° N, thence southwards.

(3) These quantities will be supplemented by fishing rights granted to Sweden in Zones III A and III D.