COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3220/83

of 15 November 1983

amending Regulation (EEC) No 198/83 on fishing activities in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member States, adopted provisionally pending the fixing of TACs and quotas for 1983

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 170/83 of 25 January 1983 establishing a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources (1), and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas on 25 January 1983 the Council adopted a common fisheries policy covering *inter alia* the fixing of total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas for 1982, arrangements for access and a structural policy;

Whereas these TACs and quotas are being provisionally applied for 1983, pending adoption by the Council of the Commission's proposals concerning these TACs and quotas for 1983, by Regulation (EEC) No 198/83 (2);

Whereas, having regard to the scientific opinion obtained, fishing may be authorized for herring stocks in the northern and central North Sea; whereas, however, the outcome of the consultations with Norway on the shares available for the Community should be taken into account;

Whereas fishing for herring in the northern and central parts of the North Sea was authorized for limited quantities by Regulation (EEC) No 1353/83 (3);

Whereas, pending a final decision by the Council, it is appropriate that Regulation (EEC) No 198/83 be amended so as to authorize Community fishermen to fish, until 15 December 1983, herring stocks in the northern and central North Sea;

Whereas these catches should be set off against the quantities which may be caught in the southern part of the North Sea and in the eastern English Channel, in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 198/83;

Whereas the transfer possibilities afforded by this Regulation will bring about a reduction in catches in the southern part of the North Sea and in the eastern English Channel;

Whereas Belgium has not been allocated quotas in the northern and central parts of the North Sea; whereas it appears fitting that Belgium's fishing possibilities in the southern part of the North Sea and in the eastern English Channel be increased;

Whereas it is necessary that details of these catches be communicated twice a week,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following Article 1a is hereby inserted in Regulation (EEC) No 198/83:

'*Article 1a*

1. Fishing for herring shall be authorized in the northern and central parts of the North Sea (ICES divisions IV a and b) until 15 December 1983, in accordance with the Annex. All the quantities caught in these divisions in 1983 shall be set off against the TACs and quotas mentioned in the Annex.

2. Member States shall communicate every Tuesday and Friday by telex to the Commission the landings of herring caught in the area mentioned in paragraph 1, made by their vessels.

3. The catches made in the ICES divisions referred to in paragraph 1 as from the date on which this Regulation enters into force shall be set off against the total allowable catches, the share available for the Community and the quantities in favour of each Member State fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 198/83 for the herring stock of the southern North Sea and of the eastern English Channel (ICES divisions IV c (excluding Blackwater stock) and VII d).'

Article 2

By way of derogation from Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 198/83, an additional 1 000 tonnes of herring, to be fished until 15 December 1983, shall be granted to Belgium in the southern part of the North Sea and in the eastern English Channel (ICES divisions IV c (excluding Blackwater stock) and VII d).

Article 3

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

(1) OJ No L 24, 27. 1. 1983, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 25, 27. 1. 1983, p. 32.
(3) OJ No L 139, 28. 5. 1983, p. 54.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 November 1983

For the Council

The President

C. SIMITIS

ANNEX

(tonnes)

Stock			Member State	1983 quota
Species	Geographical region	ICES/NAFO area		
Herring	Northern North Sea	IV a	Belgium	
			Denmark	4 260
			Germany	2 620
			Greece	
			France	1 460
			Ireland	
			Italy	
			Luxembourg	
			Netherlands	3 530
			United Kingdom	13 780
			Available for Member States	
			EEC total	25 650
Herring	Central North Sea	IV b	Belgium	
			Denmark	1 250
			Germany	1 400
			Greece	
			France	1 440
			Ireland	
			Italy	
			Luxembourg	
			Netherlands	5 450
			United Kingdom	5 870
			Available for Member States	
			EEC total	15 410

Fishing for herring in ICES division IV b shall be prohibited to the east of 3°00'E throughout the whole year.