COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3948/86

of 22 December 1986

concerning the stopping of fishing for sprat by vessels flying the flag of Denmark

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2057/82 of 29 June 1982 establishing certain control measures for fishing activities by vessels of the Member States (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3723/85 (2), and in particular Article 10 (3) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 3721/85 of 20 December 1985, fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, provisional total allowable catches for 1986 and certain conditions under which they may be fished (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3221/86 (4), provides for sprat quotas for 1986;

Whereas, in order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantitative limitations on catches of stocks subject to quotas, it is necessary for the Commission to fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated;

Whereas, according to the information communicated to the Commission, catches of sprat in the waters of ICES division II b, c, d (EC-zone) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark have reached the quota allocated for 1986; whereas Denmark has prohibited fishing for this stock as from 6 Deember 1986; whereas it is therefore necessary to abide by that date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of sprat in the waters of ICES division II b, c, d (EC-zone) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Denmark for 1986.

Fishing for sprat in the waters of ICES division III b, c, d, (EC-zone) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark is prohibited, as well as the retention on board, the transhipment and the landing of such stock captured by the abovementioned vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 6 December 1986.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1986.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 220, 29. 7. 1982, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 361, 31. 12. 1985, p. 42.
(3) OJ No L 361, 31. 12. 1985, p. 5.
(4) OJ No L 300, 24. 10. 1986, p. 2.