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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2968/87

of 29 September 1987

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources

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 Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 170/83 states that the conservation measures necessary to achieve the aims set out in Article 1 of the same Regulation must be formulated in the light of the available scientific advice ;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 (2), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 4026/86 (3), lays down general rules for the fishing and landing of biological resources found in Community waters ;

Whereas, in the light of the latest scientific advice, provision should be made for an increase in mesh size when fishing in the English Channel ;

Whereas the amendments to the rules governing fishing operations in the Skagerrak and Kattegat, agreed between the delegations of the Community and those of Norway and Sweden, should be implemented ; whereas, as a result, provision should be made for an increase in mesh size when fishing in the Skagerrak and Kattegat for all authorized target species, for prawn (*Pandalus borealis)* and for shrimps (*Crangon* spp. and *Leander adspersus),*

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 is hereby amended as follows :

1. Article 2 (8) is deleted.
2. The entries in Annex I for the following geographical areas :
   - — English Channel (ICES divisions VII d and e),
   - — Skagerrak and Kattegat for all authorized target species,
   - — Skagerrak and Kattegat for the authorized target species prawn (*Pandalus borealis),*
   - — Skagerrak and Kattegat outside four miles from the baselines for the authorized target species shrimps (*Crangon* spp. and *Leander adspersus)*

are replaced by the entries as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 29 September 1987.

For the Council

The President

L. GAMMELGAARD

(1) OJ No L 24, 27. 1. 1983, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 288, 11. 10. 1986, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 376, 31. 12. 1986, p. 1.

ANNEX

Region	Geografical area	Additional conditions	Minimum mesh size (mm)	Authorized target species	Minimum percentage of target species	Maximum percentage of protected species
2	English Channel (ICES divisions VII d and e)	Until 31 December 1988	75	All		100
		From 1 January 1989	80	All		100
	Skagerrak and Kattegat	Until 31 December 1988	80	All		100
		From 1 January 1989	90	All		100
	Skagerrak and Kattegat	Until 31 December 1988	30	Prawn *(Pandalus borealis)*	20	50
		From 1 January 1989	35	Prawn *(Pandalus borealis)*	20	50
	Skagerrak and Kattegat outside four miles from the baselines	Until 31 December 1988	30	Shrimps *(Crangon spp.* and *Leander adspersus)*	20	50
		From 1 January 1989	35	Shrimps *(Crangon spp.* and *Leander adspersus)*	20	50