COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3538/91

of 4 December 1991

concerning the stopping of fishing for American plaice by vessels flying the flag of a Member State

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2241/87 of 23 July 1987 establishing certain control measures for fishing activities [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3483/88 [2], and in particular Article 11 (3) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 3934/90 of 20 December 1990 fixing catch possibilities for 1991 for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area as defined in the NAFO Convention [3], provides for American plaice quotas for 1991 ;

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 American plaice in the waters of NAFO zone 3M by vessels flying the flag of a Member State or registered in a Member State have reached the quota allocated for 1991,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Catches of American plaice in the waters of NAFO zone 3M by vessels flying the flag of a Member State or registered in a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to the Community for 1991.

Fishing for American plaice in the waters of NAFO zone 3M by vessels flying the flag of a Member State or registered in a Member State 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 entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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, 4 December 1991.

For the Commission
Manuel MARÍN
Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 207, 29. 7. 1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 306, 11. 11. 1988, p. 2.
[3] OJ No L 378, 31. 12. 1990, p. 69.