COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 3212/94

of 22 December 1994

concerning the stopping of fishing for cod by vessels flying the flag of Portugal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy [1], and in particular Article 21 (3) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 3680/93 of 20 December 1993 fixing catch possibilities for 1994 for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area as defined in the NAFO Convention [2], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1043/94 [3], provides for cod quotas for 1994;

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 of 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 cod in the waters of NAFO zone 3M by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal have reached the quota allocated for 1994; whereas Portugal has prohibited fishing for this stock as from 6 December 1994; whereas it is therefore necessary to abide by that date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of cod in the waters of NAFO zone 3M by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Portugal for 1994.

Fishing for cod in the waters of NAFO zone 3M by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal 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 on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply with effect from 6 December 1994.

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

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1994.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 341, 31. 12. 1993, p. 42.
[3] OJ No L 114, 5. 5. 1994, p. 1.