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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 554/94

of 11 March 1994

concerning the stopping of fishing for cod, haddock, whiting, plaice, common sole, hake, anglerfish, sprat and saithe by vessels flying the flag of the Netherlands

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 3676/93 of 21 December 1993 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1994 and certain conditions under which they may be fished [2] provides for cod, haddock, whiting, plaice, common sole, hake, anglerfish, sprat and saithe 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 by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated;

Whereas the quotas of cod in the waters of ICES divisions III a Skagerrak, VII a, VII b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j and k, VIII, IX, X and CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone), of haddock in the waters of ICES divisions III a, III b, c and d (EC zone), of whiting in the waters of ICES divisions III a, VII a and VII b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j and k, of plaice in the waters of ICES divisions III a Skagerrak, VII a and VII h, j and k, of common sole in the waters of ICES divisions III a, III b, c and d (EC zone), VII a, VII h, j and k and VIII a and b, of hake in the waters of ICES division VIII a, b, d and e, of anglerfish in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV and VII, of sprat in the waters of ICES divisions VII d and e and of saithe in Faroese waters allocated to the Netherlands for 1994, have been exhausted by exchanges of quotas; whereas the Netherlands have prohibited fishing for these stocks as from 1 January 1994; whereas it is therefore necessary to abide by that date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The quotas of cod in the waters of ICES divisions III a Skagerrak, VII a, VII b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j and k, VIII, IX, X and CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone), of haddock in the waters of ICES divisions III a, III b, c and d (EC zone), of whiting in the waters of ICES divisions III a, VII a and VII b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j and k, of plaice in the waters of ICES divisions III a Skagerrak, VII a and VII h, j and k, of common sole in the waters of ICES divisions III a, III b, c and d (EC zone), VII a, VII h, j and k and VIII a and b, of hake in the waters of ICES division VIII a, b, d and e, of anglerfish in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV and VII, of sprat in the waters of ICES division VII d and e and of saithe in Faroese waters allocated to the Netherlands for 1994 are deemed to be exhausted.

Fishing for cod in the waters of ICES divisions III a Skagerrak, VII a, VII b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j and k, VIII, IX, X and CECAF 34.1.1 (EC zone), for haddock in the waters of ICES divisions III a, III b, c and d (EC zone), for whiting in the waters of ICES divisions III a, VII a and VII b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j and k, for plaice in the waters of ICES divisions III a Skagerrak, VII a and VII h, j and k, for common sole in the waters of ICES divisions III a, III b, c, and d (EC zone), VII a, VII h, j and k and VIII a and b, for hake in the waters of ICES division VIII a, b, d and e, for anglerfish in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, XII, XIV and VII, for sprat in the waters of ICES division VII d and e and for saithe in Faroese waters by vessels flying the flag of the Netherlands or registered in the Netherlands is prohibited, as well as the retention on board, the transhipment and the landing of such stocks 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 1 January 1994.

[1] OJ No L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 341, 31. 12. 1993, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1994.

For the Commission
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