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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1974/97

of 7 October 1997

amending, for the fifth time, Regulation (EC) No 390/97 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1997 and certain conditions under which they may be fished

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture [1], and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, under the terms of Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92, it is incumbent upon the Council to establish the total allowable catches (TACs) by fishery or group of fisheries;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 390/97 [2] fixes, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the TACs for 1997 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;

Whereas, within the framework of the bilateral consultations on the reciprocal fishing rights between the Community and Norway, the TAC and the Community share for North Sea plaice have been increased;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 390/97 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to this Regulation shall replace the corresponding elements of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 390/97.

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 Luxembourg, 7 October 1997.

For the Council

The President

J.-C. JUNCKER

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[1] OJ L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.

[2] OJ L 66, 6. 3. 1997, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1844/97 (OJ L 264, 26. 9. 1997, p. 3).

ANNEX

Species: Plaice *Pleuronectes platessa*		**Zone:** IIa (1), IV
België/Belgique	5 360	(1) Waters of the Community as constitued in 1994.
Danmark	17 430	(2) Of which no more than 40 000 tonnes may be fished in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Norway.
Deutschland	5 030	
Ελλάδα		
España		
France	1 010	
Ireland		
Italia		
Luxembourg		
Nederland	33 500	
Österreich		
Portugal		
Suomi/Finland		
Sverige		
United Kingdom	24 800	
EC	87 130 (2)	
TAC	91 000	