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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2268/97
of 14 November 1997
adjusting the maximum annual fishing effort for certain fisheries

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2027/95 of 15 June 1995 establishing a system for the management of fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources [1], and in particular the second indent of Article 4 thereof,

Whereas the second indent of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2027/95 provides that the Commission, at the request of a Member State, shall take appropriate measures so that the Member State in question can fish its quotas in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 6 (2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 685/95 of 27 March 1995 on the management of fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources [2];

Whereas the Netherlands has asked the Commission to adjust the maximum annual fishing effort granted to its vessels in respect of certain quotas which are allocated to it pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 390/97 of 20 December 1996 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 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1974/97 [4];

Whereas this Regulation shall immediately enter into force in order to allow the Netherlands to fish its quota;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The maximum annual fishing effort for the Kingdom of the Netherlands in respect of demersal species using towed gear, as referred to in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2027/95, is amended as laid down in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 14 November 1997.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 199, 24. 8. 1995, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 71, 31. 3. 1995, p. 5.
[3] OJ L 66, 6. 3. 1997, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 278, 11. 10. 1997, p. 1.

ANNEX

Fishery					Fishing effort (*)
Fishing gear	Target species	ICES or Cecaf area			NL
'Towed gear	Demersal species	V b (1), VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and Cecaf 34.1.1, 34.1.2, 34.2.0			4 847
		Of which:	V b (1), VI		1 000
			Of which:	(**)	0
			VII		3 076
			Of which:	(**)	0
				VII a	1 089
				VII f (2)	0
			VIII a, VIII b, VIII d		771
			VIII c, VIII e, IX, X and Cecaf 34.1.1, 34.1.2 and 34.2.0		0
			Of which:	VIII c, VIII e, IX (3)	0
				IX (4)	0
				X (4)	0
				Cecaf 34.1.1 (3)	0
				Cecaf 34.1.2 (3)	0
				Cecaf 34.2.0 (3)	0
				Cecaf 34.1.1 (4)	0
				Cecaf 34.1.2 (4)	0
				Cecaf 34.2.0 (4)	0

(*) Expressed in thousands of kW × fishing days.

(**) Area defined in Article 3 (5) of Regulation (EC) No 685/95. The fishing effort for this area is for both towed and fixed gear.

(1) Except for waters under the sovereignty/jurisdiction of the Faroes and Iceland.

(2) North of 50° 30′ N.

(3) Solely in waters under the sovereignty/jurisdiction of Spain.

(4) Solely in waters under the sovereignty/jurisdiction of Portugal.'