COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 400/97

of 20 December 1996

allocating, for 1997, catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Latvian waters

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, in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Latvia [2], and in particular Articles 3 and 6 thereof, the Community and Latvia have held consultations concerning their mutual fishing rights for 1997 and the management of common living resources;

Whereas, in the course of these consultations, the delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities that certain catch quotas for 1997 should be fixed for the vessels of the other Party;

Whereas the necessary measures should be taken to implement, for 1997, the results of the consultations held with Latvia;

Whereas to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available in Latvian waters, quotas should be allocated among Member States in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92;

Whereas the fishing activities covered by this Regulation are subject to the control measures provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy [3];

Whereas additional conditions for the year-to-year management of TACs and quotas, in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 847/96 [4], were not agreed with Latvia;

Whereas, for imperative reasons of common interest, this Regulation will apply from 1 January 1997,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

From 1 January to 31 December 1997, vessels flying the flag of a Member State are hereby authorized to make catches within the quota limits set out in the Annex in waters falling within the fisheries jurisdiction of Latvia.

Article 2

The financial contribution provided for in Article 4 of the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Latvia shall be set for the period referred to in Article 1 at ECU 534 300, payable to an account designated by Latvia.

Article 3

Stocks referred to in the Annex shall not be subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 2, 3 and 5 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* or on the day of entry into force of the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Latvia, signed on 19 December 1996, whichever is the later.

It shall apply from 1 January 1997.

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[1] OJ No L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.
[2] OJ No C 276, 21. 9. 1996, p. 9.
[3] OJ No L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 115, 9. 5. 1996, p. 3.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1996.

For the Council

The President

S. BARRETT

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Latvian waters for 1997

(in metric tonnes, fresh and round weight; for salmon: numbers of individual fish)

Species	ICES division	Community catch quotas	Quotas allocated to Member States	
Cod	III (d)	1 073	Denmark	400
			Finland	172
			Germany	179
			Sweden	322
Herring	III (d)	1 200	Denmark	572
			Finland	0
			Germany	430
			Sweden	198
Salmon	III (d)	6 000	Denmark	2 334
			Finland	2 245
			Germany	260
			Sweden	1 161
Sprat	III (d)	19 500	Denmark	11 343
			Finland	0
			Germany	3 015
			Sweden	5 142