COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 402/97

of 20 December 1996

allocating, for 1997, catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Lithuanian 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 Lithuania [2], and in particular Articles 3 and 6 thereof, the Community and Lithuania 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 Lithuania;

Whereas to ensure efficient management of the catch possibilities available in Lithuanian waters, quotas should be allocated among the 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 Lithuania;

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 Lithuania.

Article 2

The financial contribution provided for in Article 4 of the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania shall be set for the period referred to in Article 1 at ECU 1 041 048, payable to an account designated by Lithuania.

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 Lithuania, signed on 20 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 284, 27. 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 Lithuanian waters for 1997

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

Species	ICES division	Community catch quotas	Quotas allocated to Member States	
Cod	III (d)	1 675	Denmark	624
			Finland	268
			Germany	280
			Sweden	503
Herring	III (d)	3 000	Denmark	1 431
			Finland	0
			Germany	1 073
			Sweden	496
Salmon	III (d)	4 100	Denmark	1 595
			Finland	1 534
			Germany	177
			Sweden	794
Sprat	III (d)	12 000	Denmark	6 980
			Finland	0
			Germany	1 856
			Sweden	3 164