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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 200/98

of 20 January 1998

on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on fishing off the coast of Cape Verde for the period from 6 September 1997 to 5 September 2000

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof in conjunction with the first sentence of Article 228(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 228(3),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [1],

Whereas, pursuant to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on fishing off the coast of Cape Verde [2], the two parties conducted negotiations to determine the amendments or additions to be made to the Agreement at the end of the period of application of the Protocol annexed thereto;

Whereas, as a result of those negotiations, a new Protocol establishing the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the abovementioned Agreement for the period 6 September 1997 to 5 September 2000 was initialled on 10 July 1997;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest to conclude this Protocol,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Protocol establishing the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on fishing off the Coast of Cape Verde for the period from 6 September 1997 to 5 September 2000 is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Regulation [3].

Article 2

The fishing possibilities provided for in the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

— freezer tuna seiners:

France: 19 vessels
Spain: 18 vessels,

— pole-and-line tuna vessels:

France: eight vessels
Spain: two vessels,

— surface longliners:

Spain: 18 vessels
Portugal: eight vessels,

— bottom longliners:

Portugal: three vessels.

If licence applications from those Member States do not exhaust the fishing possibilities provided for in the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State.

Article 3

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Protocol in order to bind the Community.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

[1] OJ C 371, 8. 12. 1997.
[2] OJ L 212, 9. 8. 1990, p. 1.

[3] See page 16 of this Official Journal.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 January 1998.

For the Council
The President
J. CUNNINGHAM