COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2193/98

of 9 October 1998

concerning the stopping of fishing for sandeel by vessels flying the flag of Denmark

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2635/97 [2], and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 47/98 of 19 December 1997 allocating, for 1998, certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian exclusive economic zone and the fishing zone around Jan Mayen [3], provides for sandeel quotas for 1998;

Wheras, in order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantitative limitations on catches of stocks subject to quotas, it is necessary for the Commission to fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated;

Whereas, according to the information communicated to the Commission, catches of sandeel in the waters of ICES division IV (Norwegian waters South of 62° N) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark have reached the quota allocated for 1998; whereas Denmark has prohibited fishing for this stock as from 18 September 1998; whereas it is therefore necessary to abide by that date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of sandeel in the waters of ICES division IV (Norwegian waters South of 62° N) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Denmark for 1998.

Fishing for sandeel in the waters of ICES division IV (Norwegian waters South of 62° N) by vessels flying the flag of Denmark or registered in Denmark is prohibited, as well as the retention on board, the transhipment and the landing of such stock captured by the abovementioned vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from 18 September 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 October 1998.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 356, 31. 12. 1997, p. 14.
[3] OJ L 12, 19. 1. 1998, p. 58.