COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2473/1999

of 22 November 1999

amending Regulation (EC) No 61/1999 allocating, for 1999, 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:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 61/1999 [2] allocates, for 1999, catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Lithuanian waters;

(2) in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania [3], and in particular Articles 3 and 6 thereof, the Community and Lithuania have held further consultations concerning their mutual fishing rights for 1999 and the management of common living resources;

(3) in the course of these consultations, agreement was reached on a transfer of an additional quota of 5 000 tonnes of sprat from Lithuania to the Community;

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

(5) Regulation (EC) No 61/1999 should be amended accordingly;

(6) in order to ensure the livelihood of Community fishermen it is important to open these fisheries as early as possible in 1999; given the urgency of the matter, it is imperative to grant an exception to the six-week period mentioned in paragraph I(3) of the Protocol on the role of national parliaments of the European Union annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 61/1999, the entry referring to sprat shall be replaced by that set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

The financial contribution for the additional quota of sprat provided for in Article 4 of the Agreement on Fisheries Relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania shall be set at EUR 62 500, payable to an account designated by Lithuania.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 22 November 1999.

For the Council

The President

K. HEMILÄ

[1] OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98 (OJ L 164, 9.6.1998, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 13, 18.1.1999, p. 111.
[3] OJ L 332, 20.12.1996, p. 7.

ANNEX

Allocation of Community catch quotas in Lithuanian waters for 1999

(in tonnes, fresh round weight)

Species	ICES division	Community catch quota	Quotas allocated to Member States	
Sprat	III(d)	19 000	Denmark	11 052
			Finland	0
			Germany	2 938
			Sweden	5 010