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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2192/2003

of 8 December 2003

amending Regulation (EC) No 2341/2002 as regards the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy [1], and in particular Article 20(1) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2341/2002 [2], fixes for 2003 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of stocks applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required.

(2) In October 2003 the International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission (IBSFC) adopted a recommendation to increase the total allowable catch (TAC) for herring in Management Unit 3 for 2003 from 60 000 tonnes to 66 000 tonnes.

(3) The TAC for anglerfish in ICES Sub-area VII and Divisions VIII a,b,d,e should be set to 17 138 tonnes and 3 862 tonnes respectively for the whole year 2003 taking into account new scientific advice from ICES.

(4) 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 in the European Union, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaties establishing the European Communities.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 2341/2002 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex IA and Annex ID to Regulation (EC) No 2341/2002 shall be amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2003.

For the Council

The President

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[1] OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.

[2] OJ L 356, 31.12.2002, p. 12. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1754/2003 (OJ L 252, 4.10.2003, p. 1).

ANNEX

(a) In Annex IA to Regulation (EC) No 2341/2002, the entries concerning the species Herring in 'Management Unit 3' shall be replaced by the following:

'**Species**: Herring *Clupea harengus*		**Zone**: Management Unit 3
Finland	54 111	
Sweden	11 889	
EC	66 000	
TAC	66 000'	

(b) In Annex ID to Regulation (EC) No 2341/2002, the entries concerning the species Anglerfish in zones 'VII' and 'VIIIa, b, d, e' shall be replaced by the following:

'**Species**: Anglerfish *Lophiidae*		**Zone**: VII
Belgium	1 584	
Germany	177	
Spain	629	
France	10 162	
Ireland	1 299	
The Netherlands	205	
United Kingdom	3 082	
EC	17 138	
TAC	17 138	

Species: Anglerfish *Lophiidae*		**Zone**: VIIIa,b,d,e
Spain	588	
France	3 274	
EC	3 862	
TAC	3 862'	