COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1495/2004

of 23 August 2004

prohibiting fishing for sandeel by vessels flying the flag of Sweden

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], and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 of 19 December 2003 fixing for 2004 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 limitations in catch are required [2] lays down quotas for sandeel for 2004.

(2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to the Community.

(3) According to the information received by the Commission, Sweden stopped fishing for sandeel in the waters of ICES division IIa, Skagerrak and Kattegat and the North Sea by vessels flying the flag of Sweden or registered in Sweden from 12 July 2004,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Fishing for sandeel in the waters of ICES division IIa, Skagerrak and Kattegat and the North Sea by vessels flying the flag of Sweden or registered in Sweden is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transhipment and landing of this stock caught by the above 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 Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 23 August 2004.

For the Commission
Jörgen HOLMQUIST
Director-General for Fisheries

[1] OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1954/2003 (OJ L 289, 7.11.2003, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 344, 31.12.2003, p. 1.