COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2104/2004

of 9 December 2004

laying down detailed implementing rules for Council Regulation (EC) No 639/2004 on the management of fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 11(5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 639/2004 of 30 March 2004 on the management of fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions [2], and in particular Article 1(2) and Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 639/2004 lays down derogations for the management of fishing fleets in the outermost regions until 31 December 2006. These derogations relate to the entry/exit schemes referred to in Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002, and the aid for the renewal and modernisation of the fleet referred to in Council Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 [3].

(2) Under Regulation (EC) No 639/2004, for France and Portugal the specific reference levels for the fleet segments registered in the outermost regions are the multiannual guidance programme (MAGP IV) objectives at the end of 2002.

(3) For the Canary Islands, the specific reference levels are to be fixed using an approach similar to that used to fix the MAGP IV objectives, taking into account the limits of the fishing opportunities available to the fleets in question. To this end the Scientific Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) delivered an opinion in its March/April 2004 session report on the fishing opportunities of fleets registered in the Canary Islands. Spain and the Commission have also examined the fishing opportunities of fleets registered to the Canary Islands and active under bilateral and multilateral agreements. According to the Commission, none of these examinations or reports has revealed any possibility of expansion of the fleets currently registered in the Canary Islands.

(4) The Member States must report on changes in the fleets registered in the outermost regions in the annual report referred to in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1438/2003 of 12 August 2003 laying down implementing rules on the Community Fleet Policy as defined in Chapter III of Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 [4].

(5) The Commission has taken account of its declaration in the margins of the Council of 30 March 2004 [5] on the detailed implementing rules for Regulation (EC) No 639/2004, in particular as regards the most appropriate segmentation in relation to types of fishing, scientific opinions on the state of targeted stocks and similar treatment of fleets operating on the same fisheries.

(6) This Regulation must apply from the date of application of Regulation (EC) No 639/2004.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Specific reference levels

The specific reference levels for the fleets registered in the outermost regions of France, Portugal and Spain are fixed in the Annex hereto for each fleet segment.

[1] OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.
[2] OJ L 102, 7.4.2004, p. 9.
[3] OJ L 337, 31.12.1999, p. 10. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1421/2004 (OJ L 260, 6.8.2004, p. 1).
[4] OJ L 204, 13.8.2003, p. 21. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 916/2004 (OJ L 163, 30.4.2004, p. 81).
[5] Council document No 7520/04 ADD1, 19.3.2004.

These specific reference levels are the maximum capacity levels, in GT and in kW, that the Member States shall be authorised to accept through entries to the fleet by way of derogation from Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002.

Article 2

Monitoring specific reference levels

For each of the segments referred to in Article 1, the reference level in terms of tonnage and power on any date after 31 December 2002 shall be equal to the reference level for that segment, as fixed in the Annex hereto, minus the tonnage and power of the vessels in that segment leaving the fleet after 31 December 2002 as a result of public aid.

Article 3

Consolidation of reference levels

On 31 December 2006, the Commission shall calculate for each Member State the total capacities in terms of GT and kW of the fleets registered in the outermost regions and of the entries into these fleets decided in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 639/2004 which are not yet registered on that date.

This figure shall be added to the reference levels of the mainland fleet. The result shall constitute the reference levels for the Member State fleet as from 1 January 2007.

Article 4

Contribution to annual reports

In the annual report provided for in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1438/2003 the Member States concerned shall report on changes in the fleets registered in the outermost regions.

Figures relating to 2003 shall be incorporated into the annual report for 2004.

Article 5

Entry into force

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2003.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 December 2004.

For the Commission
Joe BORG
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Specific reference levels for fishing fleets registered in the outermost regions of France, Portugal and Spain

Spain			
Fleet segment	Segment code	GT	kW
Canary Islands. Length < 12 m. EU waters	CA1	2 878	23 202
Canary Islands. Length > 12 m. EU waters	CA2	4 779	16 055
Canary Islands. Length > 12 m. International and third country waters	CA3	51 167	90 680
Total		58 824	129 937

France			
Fleet segment	Segment code	GT	kW
Réunion. Demersal and pelagic species. Length < 12 m	4FC	1 050	14 000
Réunion. Pelagic species. Length > 12 m	4FD	9 705	24 610
French Guiana. Demersal and pelagic species. Length < 12 m	4FF	400	5 250
French Guiana. Shrimp vessels.	4FG	6 526	19 726
French Guiana. Pelagic species. Offshore vessels.	4FH	3 500	5 000
Martinique. Demersal and pelagic species. Length < 12 m	4FJ	2 800	65 500
Martinique. Pelagic species. Length > 12 m	4FK	1 000	3 000
Guadeloupe. Demersal and pelagic species. Length < 12 m	4FL	4 100	105 000
Guadeloupe. Pelagic species. Length > 12 m	4FM	500	1 750
Total		29 581	243 836

Portugal			
Fleet segment	Segment code	GT	kW
Madeira. Demersal species. Length < 12 m	4K6	680	4 574
Madeira. Demersal and pelagic species. Length > 12 m	4K7	5 354	17 414
Madeira. Pelagic species. Seine. Length > 12 m	4K8	253	1 170
Azores. Demersal species. Length < 12 m	4K9	2 721	20 815
Azores. Demersal and pelagic species. Length > 12 m	4KA	14 246	36 846
Total		23 254	80 819