COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1020/2006

of 4 July 2006

prohibiting fishing for blue ling in ICES zones VI and VII (Community waters and international waters) by vessels flying the flag of Spain

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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 26(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to Common Fisheries Policy [2], and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2270/2004 of 22 December 2004 fixing for 2005 and 2006 the fishing opportunities for Community fishing vessels for certain deepsea fish stocks [3] fixes the quotas for 2005 and 2006.

(2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted their quota for 2006.

(3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing for that stock and its retention on board, transhipment and landing,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quota exhaustion

The fishing quota for 2006 allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

Article 2

Prohibitions

Fishing for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. It shall be prohibited to retain on board, tranship or land such stock caught by those vessels after that date.

Article 3

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 4 July 2006.

For the Commission
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Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs

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[1] OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.
[2] OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 (OJ L 128, 21.5.2005, p. 1).
[3] OJ L 396, 31.12.2004, p. 4. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 742/2006 (OJ L 130, 18.5.2006, p. 7).

ANNEX

Member State	Spain
Stock	BLI/67-
Species	Blue ling *(Molva dypterygia)*
Zone	VI, VII (EC waters and international waters)
Date	14 June 2006