

Characteristics for fishing vessels. Recast

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PURPOSE: to present a proposal to repeal a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council defining characteristics for fishing vessels.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Council Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 defining characteristics for fishing vessels has been substantially amended. Since further amendments are to be made, that Regulation should be recast in the interests of clarity.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to undertake a codification of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 of 22 September 1986 defining characteristics for fishing vessels. The new Regulation will supersede the two acts incorporated in it, fully preserving the content of the acts being codified. At the same time, it is also appropriate to make a substantive amendment to Article 5(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86, with a view to **delegating powers to the Commission for adapting the requirements for the determination of continuous engine power to technical progress.**

Therefore, the proposal is being presented in the form of a recast.

To recall, the proposed Regulation seeks to define the characteristics of fishing vessels laid down in this Regulation shall apply to all Union rules concerning fisheries. The aim is use identical rules for determining the characteristics of fishing vessels in order to unify the conditions for the pursuit of the activity in the Union.

The definitions laid down in this proposed Regulation should be based upon initiatives already taken by specialist international organisations. They concern the characteristics of fishing vessels, such as length, breadth, tonnage, date of entry into service and engine power.