


Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| CNS - Consultation procedure Decision | 1995/0142(CNS) | Procedure completed |
| Conservation and management of fishery resources: eligibility of expenditure by the Member States (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93) | | |
| Subject | | |
| 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources | | |
| 3.15.04 Management of fisheries, fisheries, fishing grounds | | |
| 3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas | | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed | |
| | PECH Fisheries | | 18/07/1995 | |
| | | EDN SOUCHET Dominique F.C. | | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed | |
| | BUDG Budgets | | 19/07/1995 | |
| | | PSE JÖNS Karin | | |
| | CONT Budgetary Control | | 19/07/1995 | |
| | | ARE EWING Winifred M. | | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meeting | Date | |
| | Social Affairs | 1892 | 08/12/1995 | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 09/06/1995 | Legislative proposal published | COM(1995)0243 | Summary |
| 10/07/1995 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 09/10/1995 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 09/10/1995 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0237/1995 | |
| 13/10/1995 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 13/10/1995 | Decision by Parliament | T4-0493/1995 | Summary |
| 30/10/1995 | Modified legislative proposal published | COM(1995)0515 | Summary |
| 08/12/1995 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |

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| 08/12/1995 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 14/12/1995 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

Technical information

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| Procedure reference | 1995/0142(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | EC before Amsterdam E 043; Rules of Procedure EP 163 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | PECH/4/06893 |

Documentation gateway

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| Legislative proposal | COM(1995)0243 OJ C 186 20.07.1995, p. 0009 | 09/06/1995 | EC | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0237/1995 OJ C 287 30.10.1995, p. 0017 | 09/10/1995 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | T4-0493/1995 OJ C 287 30.10.1995, p. 0230-0241 | 13/10/1995 | EP | Summary |
| Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES1168/1995 OJ C 018 22.01.1996, p. 0100 | 25/10/1995 | ESC | Summary |
| Modified legislative proposal | COM(1995)0515 | 30/10/1995 | EC | Summary |

Additional information

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Final act

[Decision 1995/527](#)
[OJ L 301 14.12.1995, p. 0030](#) Summary

Conservation and management of fishery resources: eligibility of expenditure by the Member States (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93)

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a decision aims to extend to new types of measures the financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy. SUBSTANCE: - Financial contribution to investment expenditure concerning, in particular, the acquisition and modernisation of equipment used for the monitoring of fishing activities; - Possibility of funding integrated projects requiring funds exceeding the investment costs (such as the rapid creation of information networks); - Support for a range of measures promoting the training of national officials connected with control activities and staff exchanges; - The financial contribution is limited to 35% for investment expenditure and 50% for expenditure on integrated projects and training; - The total Community contribution should remain within the limits of a budget provision of ECU 41 million per year for a period of five years (1996-200). The corresponding financial resources shall be entered as annual appropriations in the general budget of the European Communities. ?

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provided by an efficient, fair and realistic fishery policy, the rapporteur declared that any control procedure had to be equitable and operational if it was to be accepted by all those operating in this sector. The proposed amendments relate essentially to the level of Community financial contribution, the dates for requesting Community assistance and the amounts being advanced. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr D. SOUCHET (EDN, F), Parliament stressed the importance of the proposed measures, which cost relatively little when set against the economic and ecological benefits which might be expected from them. This implies making all operators in the fishery sector more responsible and establishing better coordination with the administrations of the Member States which are responsible for carrying out the inspections. Parliament took the view that the programme of controls should be based on an analysis of the risks in those sectors which are most likely to suffer from fraudulent activities and that Member States should carry out checks in all maritime waters on the activities of Community vessels as well as on those of non-member countries. Parliament also made a number of technical amendments which related essentially to: - the level of Community financial contribution: ECU 200 m between 1996 and the year 2000, instead of the ECU 41 m initially earmarked by the Commission, - the dates for submitting applications for Community aid: the date set for the first submission is to be 15.11.1995 instead of 30.09.1995, - the amount of Community aid being advanced: 50% of eligible expenditure, instead of the 35% initially provided for, while for applications which have been properly justified the applicant country may ask for a Community contribution of up to 50% instead of the 25% initially provided for, - Parliament added that any sum which had been improperly obtained must be refunded to the Commission (with interest payable on late returns). ?

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The ESC emphasised that control of fishing activities was a vital aspect of the common fisheries policy. Effective, fair and transparent controls could improve compliance with the present rules, reduce the wastage caused by overfishing and help ensure the survival of this sector of the Community economy. The ESC took the view that control policy could only be successful if the Member States implemented it fairly and effectively. However, given the disparities that still existed, the desired level of efficacy would only be achieved by increasing the powers and means of control of the relevant Community authorities. These objectives could only be achieved if adequate financial resources were allocated to them. According to the ESC, the Community budget allocation for control activities remained inadequate. In order to allow Member States to assume their Community obligations regarding controls and organise the related investments with certainty, the ESC called for greater flexibility in the administration of the available funds. It would like the percentage of the Community contribution to remain the same as in the earlier Council Decision 89/631/EEC.

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The Commission, with a view to improving the effectiveness of the Community's financial contribution, incorporated in its amended proposal those amendments which provided that: - the programme of controls should be based on an analysis of the risks involved; - a substantial level of Community participation was required; - Member States should make their first submission before 15/11/95 when submitting an application for aid for the following year; - a statement of financial commitment should be addressed to the Commission by the Member States, following a request for aid; - the Commission should set a time-limit for the investigations which have to be carried out by the Member States, if it believes that the resources are not being used for the intended purposes. The Commission did not adopt the other amendments. ?

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OBJECTIVE : renewed support for existing expenditure on controls on fishing activities and financing for new types of measures for the period 1996/2000. MEASURE : Council Decision 95/523/EC on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy. SUBSTANCE : - The Community may contribute to the financing of certain expenditure by Member States relating to: .the acquisition or modernization of inspection and control equipment; .specific measures intended to improve the quality and effectiveness of the monitoring of fishing and related activities, the duration of which does not exceed two years (e.g. joint inspection programmes, introduction of new technologies, computerization of the processing and exchange of data); .a range of measures furthering the training of national officials connected with control activities and staff exchanges. - Community financing shall cover a five-year period (1996-2000), within a total appropriation of ECU 205 m; ECU 3 m will be provided annually for the additional expenditure by Ireland; - The Community financial contribution will not be lower than 35% for investment expenditure or higher than 50% for expenditure on integrated projects and training; - Member States will provide the Commission with any information it may request for the performance of its duties under the Decision. The Commission may carry out any checks it deems necessary. ?