

Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		02/10/1995
		ELDR CUNHA Arlindo	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		31/10/1995
		PSE JÖNS Karin	
Council of the European Union	DEVE Development and Cooperation		
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Telecommunications	1910	21/03/1996
	General Affairs	1902	29/01/1996
	Health	1890	30/11/1995

Key events			
14/09/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0427	Summary
27/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/12/1995	Vote in committee		
11/12/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0323/1995	
15/12/1995	Debate in Parliament		
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21/03/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		

03/04/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information

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Procedure subtype	International agreement
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1995)0427 OJ C 327 07.12.1995, p. 0012	14/09/1995	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0323/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0016	11/12/1995	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0664/1995 OJ C 017 22.01.1996, p. 0423-0465	15/12/1995	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 1996/576 OJ L 085 03.04.1996, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a new fisheries Protocol between the Community and Guinea-Bissau laying down the technical and financial conditions for the fishing activities of Community vessels in the waters of the latter country for the period from 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997.

SUBSTANCE: the Protocol signed by the parties on 7 June 1995 provides for the following fisheries possibilities: . licences for freezer shrimp trawlers: 8 800 GRT per month, based on an annual average; . licences for freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 4 000 GRT per month, based on an annual average; . licences for 16 pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners; . licences for 26 freezer tuna seiners. In return, financial compensation of ECU 10 800 000 will be paid to Guinea-Bissau in two unequal annual instalments (ECU 6 000 000 and ECU 4 800 000) on the understanding that additional financial compensation of ECU 1 200 000 must be granted if the fishing possibilities laid down have been exceeded. If the state of resources so permits and the Community so requests, the fishing possibilities for freezer shrimp and fin-fish or cephalopod trawlers may be increased by successive instalments of 1 000 GRT per month. In that event, the financial compensation will be raised in proportion. In addition to the above financial compensation, the Community will make the following contributions: . ECU 150 000 to fund scientific and technical fisheries development programmes; . ECU 100 000 to finance study and practical training grants to enable Guinea-Bissau fishermen to improve their skills in the Community. . The Commission will also be called upon to contribute to three small-scale local programmes involving a total cost of ECU 450 000. In addition, the Commission proposes defining in its regulation a scale for sharing out fishing possibilities between the Member States based on the traditional share-out of fishing possibilities under the EC-Guinea-Bissau agreement. The figures are as follows: - Italy: 3 200 GRT per year, - Portugal: 3 200 GRT per year, - Spain: 2 400 GRT per year. However, for the first year in which the Protocol will apply, the following allocation is laid down: - Italy: 3 800 GRT per year, - Portugal: 3 000 GRT per year, - Spain: 2 000 GRT per year. If the licence applications from the above Member States fall short of the fishing possibilities, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. ?

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997

In adopting the report by Mr CUNHA (ELDR, P), the European Parliament approved this proposal for a regulation with the following amendments: -before the conclusion of any new fisheries agreement or renewal of this protocol, the Commission shall submit to the Council and European Parliament a report on the progress made in its implementation, -on the basis of that report, and after consulting the EP, a new negotiating mandate could be given to the Commission with a view to negotiating a new fisheries protocol with that country. ?

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997

- OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a new Protocol between the Community and Guinea-Bissau laying down the technical and financial conditions for the fishing activities of Community vessels in the waters of the latter country for the period from 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 576/96 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing possibilities and the financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the EEC and Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997. - SUBSTANCE: The fishing possibilities established by the Protocol are as follows: . licences for freezer shrimp trawlers: 8 800 GRT per month, based on an annual average; . licences for freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 4 000 GRT per month, based on an annual average; . licences for 16 pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners; . licences for 26 freezer tuna seiners. In return, financial compensation of ECU 10 800 000 will be paid to Guinea-Bissau in two unequal annual instalments (ECU 6 000 000 and ECU 4 800 000) on the understanding that additional financial compensation of ECU 1 200 000 must be granted if the fishing possibilities laid down have been exceeded. If the state of resources so permits and the Community so requests, the fishing possibilities for freezer shrimp and fin-fish or cephalopod trawlers may be increased by successive instalments of 1 000 GRT per month. In that event, the financial compensation will be raised in proportion. In addition to the above financial compensation, the Community will make the following contributions: . ECU 150 000 to fund scientific and technical fisheries development programmes; . ECU 100 000 to finance study and practical training grants to enable Guinea-Bissau fishermen to improve their skills in the Community. . The Commission will also be called upon to contribute to three small-scale local programmes involving a total cost of ECU 450 000. In addition, the Protocol allocates fishing possibilities. The figures, based on the traditional share-out of fishing possibilities under the EEC - Guinea-Bissau Agreement, are as follows: - Italy: 3 800 GRT per year, - Portugal: 3 200 GRT per year, - Spain: 2 400 GRT per year. However, for the first year in which the Protocol will apply, the following allocation is laid down: - Italy: 3 800 GRT per year, - Portugal: 3 000 GRT per year, - Spain: 2 000 GRT per year. If the licence applications from the above Member States fall short of the fishing possibilities, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Regulation entered into force on 6 April 1996. The persons empowered to sign the Protocol and hence to bind the Community were designated by the Council. ?