


# Procedure file

Basic information	
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Conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean, transitional measures	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries	PPE <a href="#">FRAGA ESTÉVEZ Carmen</a>	29/05/1996
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
30/04/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0128	Summary
06/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/10/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
22/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0330/1996</a>	
14/11/1996	Debate in Parliament		
15/11/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0625/1996	Summary
14/09/1999	Additional information		Summary
09/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0091(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	PECH/4/07942

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1996)0128</a> <a href="#">OJ C 176 19.06.1996, p. 0014</a>	30/04/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1093/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 030 30.01.1997, p. 0101</a>	25/09/1996	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0330/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0004</a>	22/10/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading	T4-0625/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0315-0322</a>	15/11/1996	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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## Conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean, transitional measures

**OBJECTIVE:** To remedy specific problems for Italian fishermen in the Adriatic Sea (particularly as regards hake and red mullet) brought about by the entry into force on 1 January 1995 of Regulation (EC) No. 1626/94 laying down certain technical conservation measures for Mediterranean fishery resources. **SUBSTANCE:** The Commission proposes to introduce temporary derogations from the rules provided under regulation (EC) No. 1626/94 causing these problems in the Adriatic. The aim of these measures is to permit the fishermen concerned to adjust their activities gradually to the rules in question, reducing catches of small-sized fish to a minimum by the gradual alteration of fishing practices. The transitional provisions are as follows: - Authorization is granted to take fish below the minimum size. The derogation is subject to: .a quantitative ceiling of 30% of the total catch in terms of individual fish numbers, .a time limit: adjustment is to be a two-stage operation resulting in the application of the general rule on 1 January 1999, .a restriction in terms of its scope meaning that it covers only catches of hake taken by trawl and red mullet taken by bottom trawls in the Adriatic Sea. - Provision is made for extending the derogation to other areas where similar difficulties might arise. - Community rules on marketing in the area concerned are amended accordingly. ?

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The Committee does not approve the proposed measures. It considers that although they are transitional and temporary, they form a serious precedent which could jeopardize efforts to secure a more structured fisheries conservation policy in the Mediterranean. In the Committee's view, the Commission should press third countries which fish for the same Mediterranean resources to make similar efforts, with a view to preventing the over-exploitation of these resources. Mindful of the economic and social impact on fishermen in the Italian Adriatic of the technical measures introduced under Regulation 1626/94, the ESC asks the Commission to use existing structural instruments to cushion the negative impact and meet the legitimate concerns of those fishermen. ?

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The Committee on Fisheries approved by 15 votes in favour and 7 abstentions the draft legislative resolution concerning the temporary derogation proposed by the Commission to the provisions of Regulation No 1626/94 with regard to the minimum size of the hake and red mullet which it is allowed to catch in the Adriatic. The rapporteur, Mrs Fraga Estevez (PPE, E), criticized the proposal in the absence of any study which demonstrated the usefulness of the measure in question, especially with regard to a real fisheries conservation policy in the Mediterranean, and urged the Commission to change its attitude so that the model of managing fishery resources could be changed by encouraging Mediterranean consumers to develop a taste for larger types of fish. This was why the draft resolution rejected the proposed derogations and called on the Commission to collate more accurate data during the study currently being drawn up on the overall situation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean and, if necessary, to present an amendment to the regulation in question on a more solid scientific basis.?

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By 155 votes to 2 and 6 abstentions, Parliament rejected the proposal for a Council Regulation introducing transitional measures into Regulation (EC) No 1622/94 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean (report by Mrs Carmen FRAGA ESTEVEZ (PPE, E)). Consequently, the matter was referred back to the committee responsible. ?

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This proposal, in accordance with Article 185 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure, was deemed to have lapsed. It will be the subject of consideration by the new Parliament (5th legislature).?