


Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Sao Tome e Principe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 1995 to 31st May 1999		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		10/09/1996
		ARE MACARTNEY Allan	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		04/09/1996
	DEVE Development and Cooperation	PSE JÖNS Karin	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2016	17/06/1997
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	1957	25/10/1996

Key events			
24/07/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0394	Summary
20/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/04/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
16/04/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0145/1997	
14/05/1997	Debate in Parliament		
15/05/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0236/1997	Summary
17/06/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/06/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0199(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
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Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/08241

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0394 OJ C 298 09.10.1996, p. 0013	24/07/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0145/1997 OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0003	16/04/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0236/1997 OJ C 167 02.06.1997, p. 0114-0127	15/05/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 1997/1130 OJ L 164 21.06.1997, p. 0001 Summary

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OBJECTIVE: under the existing Agreement between the Community and Sao Tomé and Príncipe, the fishing opportunities available to the Community fleet and the financial compensation allocated to Sao Tomé and Príncipe are the subject of periodically renewed protocols. Since the last protocol has now expired, the present text renews the protocol for the period 1 June 1996-31 May 1999. **SUBSTANCE:** the fishing opportunities opened up under this Protocol primarily concern Spanish, French and Portuguese fishermen. The proposal for a Council Decision allocates fishing opportunities among the three fleets as follows: - France: fishing licences for 18 freezer tuna seiners and 7 tuna canning vessels; - Spain: licences for 19 freezer tuna seiners and 20 surface longliners; - Portugal: licences for 5 surface longliners. In return for these fishing opportunities, the financial compensation provided to Sao Tomé and Príncipe is ECU 1.8 m, which covers an annual weight of catch of 9 000 tonnes. The following are added to this compensation: - the EC contribution to the financing of scientific and technical programmes concerning the economic area of Sao Tomé and Príncipe (ECU 187.500); - the provision to the authorities of that State of scholarships and practical training in the various disciplines related to fisheries (ECU 35 000); - the contribution to the cost of international fisheries meetings (ECU 62 000); - the contribution by Sao Tomé to the Gulf of Guinea regional fisheries committee (ECU 90 000). - The Annexes to the Protocol specify the conditions for issue of licences and the obligations upon Community vessels (fee of ECU 20 per tonne fished, keeping of a fishery log book, regular reporting of their position and catches, obligation to accede to the request made by the coastal State for the boarding of observers). ?

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The draft report by Mr William MACARTNEY was adopted. The report calls once again on behalf of the European Parliament for the introduction of suitable procedures for monitoring fisheries agreements, transparency and a reasonable deadline for consultation.?

EC/Sao Tome e Principe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 1995 to 31st May 1999

In adopting the report by Mr Allan MACARTNEY (ARE, UK), the European Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation on the conclusion of a new fisheries protocol between the Community and S-o Tomé and Príncipe with the following amendments: -the information provided to the budgetary authority should be improved in order to facilitate the taking of decisions during the budgetary procedure, -during the final year of application of the protocol (and before the conclusion of any agreement to renew it), the Commission should submit a report to Parliament and the Council on the conditions governing the implementation of the agreement. On the basis of this report and after consulting the European Parliament, the Council may give the Commission a new mandate to negotiate on the renewal of the fisheries protocol. ?

EC/Sao Tome e Principe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 1995 to 31st May 1999

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a new Protocol on fishing between the Community and Sao Tomé e Príncipe establishing the fishing opportunities open to the Community fleets and the financial compensation provided for to S-o Tomé e Príncipe for the period 1 June 1996 to 31 May 1999. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation (EC) No 1130/97 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of S-o Tomé e Príncipe on fishing off the coast of Sao Tomé e Príncipe for the period 1 June 1996 to 31 May 1999. **SUBSTANCE:** the fishing possibilities opened under this Protocol mainly concern the fishermen of Spain, France and Portugal. The Regulation sets the allocation of fishing possibilities between these three fleets as follows: - France: fishing licences for 18 freezer tuna seiners and 7 pole-and-line tuna vessels; - Spain: licences for 19 freezer tuna seiners and 20 surface long-liners; - Portugal: licences for 5 surface long-liners. In exchange for these fishing possibilities the financial compensation offered to S-o Tomé e Príncipe is ECU 1.8 million, which covers an annual catch of 9 000 tonnes. In addition to this compensation there is: - Community participation in the financing of scientific and technical programmes as regard the exclusive economic zone of S-o Tomé e Príncipe amounting to ECU 187 500; - the making available to the authorities of that state awards for study and practical training in the various disciplines relating to fisheries (ECU 35 000); - participation in the costs of international meetings on fisheries (ECU 62 000); - bearing the costs of the participation by Sao Tomé e Príncipe in the Regional Fisheries Committee for the Gulf of Guinea (up to ECU 90 000). The Annex to the Protocol sets out the conditions for the issue of licences and the obligations on Community vessels (fee of ECU 20 per tonne caught, keeping of a fishing log, regular communication of their position and their catches, requirement to comply with the request by the coastal state to allow on board observers). **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** the Regulation entered into force on 24 June 1997. As the protocol was initialled by the parties on 23 May 1996, it will enter into force as soon as all the necessary notifications have been completed. ?