

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1997/0177(CNS)	Procedure completed
Fisheries agreement EC/Latvia: conditions relating to joint enterprises. Protocol I		
Subject 3.15.15.08 Fisheries agreements with Northern and Baltic countries		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		04/09/1997
		ARE <a href="#">MACARTNEY Allan</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		02/09/1997
		PSE <a href="#">JÖNS Karin</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Research	<a href="#">2067</a>	12/02/1998

Key events			
24/06/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0323	Summary
18/07/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/12/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
01/12/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0397/1997</a>	
16/01/1998	Debate in Parliament		
16/01/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0048/1998	Summary
12/02/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
12/02/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/02/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/0177(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3-a1; EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/09108

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1997)0323</a> , <a href="#">OJ C 248 14.08.1997, p. 0020</a>	24/06/1997	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0397/1997</a> <a href="#">OJ C 014 19.01.1998, p. 0005</a>	01/12/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0048/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 034 02.02.1998, p. 0189-0199</a>	16/01/1998	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 1998/373</a> <a href="#">OJ L 048 19.02.1998, p. 0001</a> Summary

## Fisheries agreement EC/Latvia: conditions relating to joint enterprises. Protocol I

OBJECTIVE: to apply Article 5 of the Agreement on Fisheries Relations between the European Community and Latvia and lay down the conditions relating to the setting-up of joint enterprises between Community and Latvian shipowners in the field of fisheries. SUBSTANCE: Article 5 of the Agreement on Fisheries Relations between the European Community and Latvia lays down that a protocol implementing the elements of a 'second-generation' Agreement must be concluded at a later stage (see Fiche de Procédure CNS96178). This protocol is designed to implement that article, laying down basic rules for the setting-up of joint enterprises between Community and Latvian shipowners. It also lays down the level of Community financial assistance with the setting-up of such enterprises (ECU 2.5 m for the three-year period of validity of the protocol). As regards the granting of licences, the integration of Community vessels through joint enterprises is not intended to increase the capacity of the Latvian fleet. Licences for Community shipowners which are parties in joint enterprises must therefore replace existing licences. The protocol lays down provisions concerning the setting-up of the joint enterprises themselves, particularly the criteria for selecting projects intended to result in the setting-up of enterprises, and the amounts of financial support to be paid to shipowners setting up enterprises. The criteria for the amount of support laid down in Annex II to the protocol relate to the type and age of vessels. All projects eligible for financial assistance are to be submitted to the joint committee for the EU/Latvia fisheries agreement, which will deliver an opinion and recommend projects for selection in the light of the following criteria (Annex I to the protocol): - fishing technology, - target species and fishing zones, - age of vessel, - previous experience of the Community shipowner and the Latvian partner in the fisheries sector. Only the parties may select projects for financial assistance.?

## Fisheries agreement EC/Latvia: conditions relating to joint enterprises. Protocol I

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Mr McCARTNEY (ARE, UK) on relations with Latvia. It was adopted without amendment and approved the Commission proposal.?

## Fisheries agreement EC/Latvia: conditions relating to joint enterprises. Protocol I

In adopting the report by Mr Allan MACARTNEY (ARE, UK), the European Parliament approved the conclusion of Protocol I to the Agreement on Fisheries Relations between the Community and Latvia laying down the conditions relating to joint enterprises. It took the view that the

protocol would be of mutual benefit to the Union and Latvia. It would constitute an element in the pre-accession strategy and consequently a positive view should be taken of any assistance to Latvia.?

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OBJECTIVE: implementation of the agreement on Fisheries Relations between the European Community and Latvia and laying down the conditions relating to joint enterprises between Latvian and Community shipowners in the fisheries sector. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 373/98/EC on the conclusion of Protocol I laying down the conditions relating to joint enterprises provided for in the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Latvia. SUBSTANCE: Article 5 of the fisheries agreement concluded between the Community and Latvia stipulates that a protocol implementing 'second generation' aspects of the agreement must be concluded at a later stage (see file CNS96178). This protocol seeks to implement this article and provides for basic rules governing the creation of joint enterprises between Community and Latvian shipowners. It also sets the amount of the Community's financial contribution for the establishment of joint enterprises (ECU 2.5 million for the three years for which the Protocol is valid). With regard to the issue of licences the integration of vessels originating from the Community through the joint enterprises must not result in an increase in the capacity of the Latvian fleet. The licences granted to Community shipowners participating in joint enterprises must replace existing licences. The protocol also sets the provisions governing the creation of the enterprises themselves, in particular the selection criteria for projects for the establishment of enterprises and the amounts of the assistance paid to shipowners for setting up enterprises. Criteria are laid down in the annex for the amount of assistance in relation to the class of vessel and its age (Annex II of the Protocol). All the projects eligible for financial assistance are to be submitted to the Joint Committee of the Latvia-European Union fisheries agreement which will deliver an opinion and recommend the projects to be selected in accordance with the following criteria (Annex I of the Protocol): - fishing technology used, - target species and fishing zones, - age of the vessel, - previous experience of the Community shipowner and the Latvian partner in the fisheries sector. Only the parties to the agreement have the power to select projects to receive financial assistance. ENTRY INTO FORCE: The regulation enters into force on 19 February 1998, the protocol entering into force when the Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedure necessary for this purpose. ?