


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1997/0205(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1997 to 15 June 2001		
See also 1998/0355(CNS)		
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries		
Geographical area Guinea-Bissau		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		24/06/1997
		PPE IMAZ SAN MIGUEL Josu Jon	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		23/09/1997
		PSE JÖNS Karin	
Council of the European Union	DEVE Development and Cooperation		
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2332	26/02/2001
	Fisheries	2063	18/12/1997

Key events			
23/07/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0395	Summary
15/09/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/09/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
29/09/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0300/1997	
21/11/1997	Debate in Parliament		
21/11/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0591/1997	Summary
18/12/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

18/12/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/12/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/0205(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	See also 1998/0355(CNS)
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/09279

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1997)0395 OJ C 269 05.09.1997, p. 0005	23/07/1997	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0300/1997 OJ C 339 10.11.1997, p. 0006	29/09/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0591/1997 OJ C 371 08.12.1997, p. 0241-0263	21/11/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Regulation 1997/2615](#)
[OJ L 353 24.12.1997, p. 0007](#) Summary

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1997 to 15 June 2001

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a new fisheries protocol between the Community and Guinea-Bissau establishing the financial and technical conditions for fishing by Community vessels in the latter's waters, from 16.06.1997 to 15.06.2001. SUBSTANCE: the protocol initialled between the parties on 04.06.1997 provides for the following fishing possibilities: .licences for freezer shrimp trawlers: 9600 gross registered tonnes (grt) per annum, .licences for freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 3000 grt per annum, .licences for 37 freezer tuna seiners, .licences for 52 pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners. An annex to the protocol lays down the conditions under which Community vessels may fish in Guinea-Bissau's waters, particularly licence application and issuing formalities (including the amount of the fee per type of vessel), conditions concerning statements of catch and by-catches, fishing zones and authorized meshes, and measures to be taken with regard to taking observers on board and signing on seamen. In return, Guinea-Bissau will receive financial compensation of ECU 34 000 000, payable in four equal annual instalments of ECU 8 500 000. If the state of fish stocks permits, fishing possibilities for shrimp trawlers and fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers may be increased at the Community's request by successive instalments of 1000 grt per annum. In that case, the financial compensation will be increased proportionately. In addition to this financial compensation, the Community will pay: .ECU 300 000 towards the financing of scientific or technical programmes to develop fisheries; .ECU 400 000 for awards for study and practical training for Guinean fishermen in the Community. .The Community is also committed to contribute a total of ECU 1 300 000 to the financing of the three small local programmes. In parallel, the Commission proposes to include in its Regulation a formula for allocating fishing possibilities to the Member States, taking as a basis the traditional division of fishing possibilities as provided for by the EC-Guinea Bissau agreement. This is as follows: - shrimp-fishing: .Italy: 4000 grt .Portugal: 3200 grt .Spain: 2400 grt -fishing for fin-fish/cephalopods: .Italy: 1000 grt .Spain: 2000 grt If licence applications from these States do not exhaust 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 1997 to 15 June 2001

The Committee adopted the report by Mr IMAZ SAN MIGUEL (PPE, E) on a new fisheries Agreement with Guinea-Bissau. It sought the conclusion of a Protocol establishing fishing possibilities and financial compensation. It emphasized, in particular, the need for the European Parliament to be better informed, especially on fishery resources and surveillance measures, through the presentation of a report from the European Commission, before the Protocol expired. ?

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1997 to 15 June 2001

In adopting the report by Mr Josu Jon IMAZ SAN MIGUEL (PPE, E), the European Parliament has approved the conclusion of the new fisheries protocol between the Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, while calling for an improvement in the information provided to the budgetary authority. It has also asked for the Commission to provide it with an annual report on application of the EC-Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement. ?

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16 June 1997 to 15 June 2001

OBJECTIVE: to conclude a new fisheries protocol between the Community and Guinea-Bissau laying down the technical and financial conditions for fishing by Community vessels in the latter's waters, from 16.06.1997 to 15.06.2001. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 2615/97 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing possibilities and the financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16.06.1997 to 15.06.2001. SUBSTANCE: The protocol provides for the following fishing possibilities: .licences for freezer shrimp trawlers: 9600 gross registered tonnes (grt) per year, .licences for freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 3000 grt per year, .licences for 37 freezer tuna seiners, .licences for 52 pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners. An annex to the protocol lays down the conditions governing fishing by Community vessels in Guinea-Bissau's fishing zone, particularly the formalities applicable to applications for and the issue of licences (including the fee payable per type of vessel), conditions applicable to statements of catch and by-catches, fishing zones, authorized meshes, and measures to be taken with regard to the signing-on of seamen and taking observers on board. In return, Guinea-Bissau will receive ECU 34 000 000 in financial compensation, payable in 4 equal annual instalments of ECU 8 500 000. If the state of fish stocks permits, fishing possibilities for shrimp trawlers and fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers may be increased at the request of the Community by successive instalments of 1000 grt per year. In this case, the financial compensation will be increased proportionately. In addition to this financial compensation, the Community will contribute: .ECU 300 000 towards the financing of scientific and technical programmes to develop fisheries; .ECU 400 000 for study and practical training awards to improve the skills of Guinean fishermen in the Community, .the Community is also to contribute a total of ECU 1 300 000 to the funding of 3 small local programmes. In the Regulation, the Council also allocates the fishing possibilities to the Member States, as follows: -shrimps: .Italy: 4000 grt .Portugal: 3200 grt .Spain: 2400 grt -fin-fish/cephalopods: .Italy: 1000 grt .Spain: 2000 grt If licence applications from these Member States do not exhaust the fishing possibilities, the Commission will be authorized to consider licence applications from other Member States. ENTRY INTO FORCE: The protocol enters into force on the date of its signature by the parties and is applicable from 16.06.1997. The Regulation enters into force on 27.12.1997.?