


Procedure file

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Common fisheries policy: control system (amend. regul. 2847/93/EEC)	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	ELDR TEVERSON Robin	25/06/1998
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Key events			
08/05/1998	Debate in Council	2105	
14/05/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0303	Summary
19/06/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/09/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
24/09/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0331/1998	
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0556/1998 OJ C 328 26.10.1998, p. 0073-0091	07/10/1998	EP	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2001)0526	28/09/2001	EC	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

[Regulation 1998/2846](#)
[OJ L 358 31.12.1998, p. 0005](#) Summary

Common fisheries policy: control system (amend. regul. 2847/93/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: the proposal serves to adjust Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy, adopted in 1993, to take account of the lessons learned from its application since then. SUBSTANCE: a recent communication from the Commission to the Council (see COS0685) stated that although considerable progress had been made in the field of fisheries monitoring, further advances should and could be made in the short term. The proposed amendments are intended to increase transparency and cooperation between Member States and with the Commission, to ensure fairer and more effective monitoring in the context of relations with third countries, and to exploit more fully the opportunities afforded by cross-checking different sources of information, particularly by introducing more checks after landing. In addition to these major aspects to be improved, other provisions are intended to rectify a specific shortcoming which has been at the root of problems that have cropped up in recent years which are sufficiently serious to warrant changes to the legislation. Generally speaking, the proposed amendments attempt to keep the costs incurred, for both the industry and the authorities, to the strict minimum needed to ensure real and substantial improvements in the monitoring of fishing activities. ?

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A control system for the common fisheries policy has always been a major concern of Parliament. It was thus no surprise that the Committee, chaired by Carmen FRAGA ESTEVEZ (EPP, E), should approve the Commission proposal on this subject. Nevertheless, the report by Robin TEVERSON, adopted unanimously, proposes a number of improvements to the Commission text. The main changes relate to the need for checks throughout the supply chain right up to the final consumer, the right for EU inspectors to carry out inspections and not just observation missions, the need to establish common definitions of the tonnage and engine-power of fishing vessels in order to have comparable findings and a recommendation for similar penalties to be imposed throughout the EU for similar infringements of the rules.?

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In adopting the report by Mr Robin TEVERSON (ELDR, UK), the European Parliament proposed certain improvements to the Commission proposal, the most important being: - the need to introduce inspections throughout the supply chain, through to the final consumer; - the

possibility for Community inspectors to carry out inspection missions and not merely observation missions; - the possibility for Member States to set up pilot studies for joint inspection programmes in Community waters; - the importance of ensuring that Community vessels fishing outside the Community fishing zone are subject to equivalent monitoring and inspection procedures; - the need to obtain measurable and comparable results by laying down common definitions of the tonnage and engine power of vessels and of what constitutes a basic inspection. Parliament called for similar penalties to be imposed throughout the Community for similar infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy.?

Common fisheries policy: control system (amend. regul. 2847/93/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: to adjust the Regulation establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy, adopted in 1993, to take account of the lessons learned from its application since then. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation (EC) no. 2846/98 amending Regulation (EEC) no. 2847/93, establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy. **CONTENTS:** the changes seek to adjust the control system in the light of developments in fisheries practices and in the transportation and marketing of fisheries products. The main measures seek to: - simplify the obligation to record species retained on board; - intensify inspections of fisheries products after landing; - make transshipment operations subject to prior authorisation by the Member States and certain conditions relating to the observance of the inspection procedures defined; - provide the Commission with remote access to the relevant files in the databases kept by the Member States in order to facilitate monitoring; - extend monitoring, inspection and surveillance measures applicable to fishing vessels flying the flag of a third country which carry out fishing activities inside the Community fishing zone; - provide for observation procedures allowing Community inspectors to verify implementation of the Regulation; - implement a general framework allowing all the authorities concerned to request mutual assistance and exchanges of information; - provide for the adoption of follow-up action in the case of serious, unforeseen infringements.?