

Procedure file

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Conservation of Antarctic marine living resources: control of vessels flying the flag of non-contracting parties Repealed by 2002/0137(CNS)	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	ELDR EISMA Doeke	02/09/1998
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Key events			
11/06/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0362	Summary
17/07/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/11/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
25/11/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0449/1998	
16/12/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0740/1998	Summary
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Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Repealed by 2002/0137(CNS)
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

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Regulation 1999/1721 OJ L 203 03.08.1999, p. 0014 Summary

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OBJECTIVE: to approve, on behalf of the Community, certain fishery conservation measures adopted by CCAMLR. SUBSTANCE: the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the Community and certain Member States are contracting parties, is responsible for managing Antarctic fisheries. At its meeting in November 1997 it adopted a conservation measure designed to discourage the development of illegal fishing in the CCAMLR Convention Area, due to the massive expansion in these fisheries targeting the toothfish species (*dissostichus eleginoides*). The measure is aimed more specifically at vessels flying the flags of third countries not parties to CCAMLR which continue to fish illegally in the area concerned, not being required to comply with the regulations in force. The proposed CCAMLR measure lays down that in the event of a vessel of a non-contracting party being sighted active in the CCAMLR area, a mandatory inspection will be carried out on that vessel when it is voluntarily in the ports of contracting parties. In this case, landings and transshipments from the vessel will be prohibited if, in the course of such an inspection, it is established that the catch has been taken in contravention of the conservation and enforcement measures adopted by CCAMLR. The Commission proposal seeks to apply to the Community this conservation measure, which will become binding with effect from 11.05.1998 in the absence of any objections by the contracting parties.?

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MEPs will vote on measures to curb the illegal fishing of the Patagonian Toothfish in Antarctic waters. Doeke Eisma (ELDR, NL) says the controls adopted by CCAMLR (the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources), which the European Commission wants incorporated into Community law, are a welcome first step towards tackling the problem. Catches of the Patagonian Toothfish by vessels from Non-Contracting Parties to the CCAMLR Convention total some 100 000 tonnes (compared to the legal quota of 13 000). The CCAMLR scheme imposes inspections on vessels from Non-Contracting Parties sighted in the CCAMLR area and a ban on landings and transshipments of catches taken in breach of CCAMLR rules. ?

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This was a procedure without debate. The Commission's proposal to tackle illegal fishing in the Antarctic through strengthening the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources was approved unamended. The Rapporteur was Mr. EISMA (NL, ELDR).?

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AIM: To approve, on behalf of the Community, certain measures for the conservation of fish stocks adopted by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 1721/1999 laying down certain control measures in respect of vessels flying the flag of Non-Contracting Parties to the Convention of the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. CONTENT: The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), to which the Community and some Member States belong as Contracting Parties to the Convention, is responsible for the management of fishing activities in the Antarctic. At its annual meeting in November 1997, CCAMLR adopted a conservation scheme designed to discourage the growth of illegal fishing in the area it regulates; it took this action in response to a rapid growth in fishing for Antarctic cod or toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*). This measure is targeted more specifically at vessels flying the flags of countries that are not Contracting Parties to the Convention, vessels which continue to fish illegally in Antarctic waters and which are not required to comply with the applicable regulations. The mechanism which CCAMLR has introduced and which the Community wishes to implement by means of the new Regulation provides for a mandatory inspection of any vessel that has been sighted in the Convention area when it voluntarily puts into port in a state that is a Contracting Party to the Convention. If a vessel is found to have taken its catch in contravention of conservation and enforcement measures enacted by CCAMLR, the authorities of the port state will prohibit the landing or transshipment of the catch. Moreover, provision has been made for additional standardised measures at the Community level to control access to Member States' ports by fishing vessels flying the flags of non-Contracting Parties in cases where these vessels have been sighted in the waters of the Convention area. The purpose of these measures is to guarantee the effectiveness of the conservation measures adopted by CCAMLR. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 10 August 1999. ?