

Procedure file

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Common fisheries policy: control and inspection systems, Community financial contribution		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		28/11/2000
		GUE/NGL JOVÉ PERES Salvador	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		23/11/2000
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	2349	28/05/2001
	Fisheries	2320	14/12/2000
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European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
27/10/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0684	Summary
17/11/2000	Debate in Council	2306	
17/11/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/03/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
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05/04/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0199/2001	Summary

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	Repealed by 2009/0022(CNS)
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Additional information	
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Decision 2001/431 OJ L 154 09.06.2001, p. 0022 Summary

Common fisheries policy: control and inspection systems, Community financial contribution

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a Council Decision on a financial contribution to certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the control, inspection and surveillance systems applicable to the common fisheries policy. CONTENT : policing is an essential element of the common fisheries policy. Progress in this area is unanimously felt to be necessary, as discussion in the Council and the Parliament has shown. A comprehensive approach is required. This is set out elsewhere and the attached proposal covers its financial side. Responsibility for the actual exercise of policing falls to the Member States. Community financial support is needed in order to promote synergies between them, kick start an innovative dynamic in certain areas, and prevent possible weaknesses in any particular Member State from affecting the efforts of the others, particularly in the case of the very many fisheries where at least two Member States are involved. The high cost of policing, particularly action at sea, must also be taken into consideration. Recognition of this situation led to two Council Decisions permitting Community support for Member States' expenditure on inspection work: Decision 89/631/EEC covering 1991 to 1995 and Decision 95/527/EEC covering 1996 to 2000. Analysis of these Decisions clearly indicate that the part-financing programme has had a very positive impact on the inspection systems of the Member States. Community assistance is still needed, however. A new Council Decision is therefore

needed. Continuation should not however be mere renewal. The context has changed. Therefore, this proposal proposes a three year period of application and not five years as for the earlier Decisions. This will ensure the continuity without which action loses its utility and meet immediate needs while being consistent timewise with the forthcoming discussions. Moreover, the priorities and the amounts shall also be adjusted. As regards computerised information exchange between national administrations and between them and the Commission, a vigorous impulse must be given so that the possibilities offered by IT networks are exploited as quickly as possible. The other essential technology is satellite monitoring of fishing boats (VSM: vessel monitoring system). The aid for the training of officials responsible for policing and for personnel exchanges between Member States is retained. As far as the budget is concerned, reduced support under certain headings and increases support under others means adjustment of the budget needed, which for the previous Decision was EUR 41 million a year on average. The annual amount scheduled for 2001 to 2003 is EUR 35 million. Lastly, guarantees of consistency, relevance and transparency are increased.?

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The committee adopted the report by Salvador JOVÉ PÉREZ (EUL/NGL, E) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. While fundamentally agreeing with the substance of the proposal, the committee believed that responsibility for control and surveillance within the regional fisheries organisations should lie entirely with the Community. For this reason it called for the costs of taking part in those organisations to be covered by the Community budget, including the costs of fisheries surveillance and controls. In addition, the committee incorporated into its report a number of amendments put forward by the Budgets Committee designed to amend the timetable envisaged by the Commission so as to give the Member States enough time to submit their annual expenditure forecast programmes. Lastly, the committee wanted to change the committology procedure from a management to an advisory committee in line with Parliament's traditional position.?

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The European Parliament adopted, with amendment, the report by Mr Salvador JOVE PERES (EUL/NGL, E) on the financial contributions by the Community to certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the control, inspection and surveillance systems applicable to the common fisheries policy. The amended text states the annual financial contribution shall be 100% of the eligible expenditure of the Member States and that the annual financial contribution per Member State shall be, at most, 35% of eligible expenditure. Moreover, an amendment to the timetable is envisaged so as to give the Member States enough time to submit their annual expenditure forecast programmes (by the 31/06/2001 at the latest). ?

Common fisheries policy: control and inspection systems, Community financial contribution

PURPOSE : to give financial support for expenditure incurred by Member States in policing the common fisheries policy
COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2001/431/EC on a financial contribution by the Community to certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the control, inspection and surveillance systems applicable to the common fisheries policy.
CONTENT : This Decision will be applied for three years from 2001 to 2003. The financial reference for this period is EUR 105 million. If this is insufficient, priority is given to expenditure on the control measures provided for in the Community rules. The financial contribution will be granted for the following actions:
- creation of the mechanisms and IT networks necessary for information exchange in connection with control. The annual financial contribution per Member State will be a maximum of 65% of eligible expenditure.
- experimentation with and implementation of new technologies to improve control of fishery activity. The annual contribution per Member State will be at most 50% of eligible expenditure, with some exceptions. The annual budget allocation towards which a contribution of more than 50% is paid is restricted to 20% of the budget envelope.
- training of control departments' officials. The annual financial contribution will be a maximum of 50% of eligible expenditure.
- implementation of new inspection and observer schedules in the framework of Regional Fishery Organisations (RFOs) to which the Community is a contracting party. The annual financial contribution per member state is a maximum of 50% of eligible expenditure.
- acquisition and modernisation of control, inspection and surveillance equipment. The annual financial expenditure will be a maximum of 35% of eligible expenditure, with certain exceptions. A special financial contribution of upto 50% of eligible expenditure per Member State per year may be granted for eligible expenditure on introducing a system of assessment, including developing analytical accounting procedures permitting calculation of the cost of various control measures.
DATE OF APPLICATION : 1 January 2001.?

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COMMUNITY MEASURE : Commission Decision 2002/978/EC on the eligibility of expenditure on a number of operations to be incurred by certain Member States in 2002 in implementing the control, inspection and surveillance systems applicable to the common fisheries policy.
CONTENT : this Decision establishes for 2002 the amount of the eligible expenditure for each Member State, the rates of the Community financial contribution and the conditions on which the contribution may be granted, to the extent that the eligible expenditure is actually used to implement the control programmes. Expenditure incurred in providing training for national officials involved in monitoring activities provided for by Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland and the United Kingdom, as set out in Annex I, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure. Expenditure relating to the acquisition or modernisation of vessels and aircraft used for control, inspection and surveillance of fishing activities, as set out in Annex II, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 35 % of the eligible expenditure within the limits laid down in Annex II. Expenditure incurred in implementing a system to assess expenditure incurred in controlling the common fisheries policy, as set out in Annex III, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure within the limits laid down in Annex III.?