

Procedure file

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	PECH Fisheries	PSE MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa	21/10/2002
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	Agriculture and Fisheries	2500	08/04/2003
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23/01/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 2003/1984 OJ L 295 13.11.2003, p. 0001-0042 Summary
Final legislative act with provisions for delegated acts

Conservation and management of fish stocks: statistical monitoring of bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna

PURPOSE : to introduce a system for the statistical monitoring of trade in bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna within the Community.

CONTENT : the European Community participates in regional fisheries organisations (RFOs) which provide a framework for regional cooperation in the conservation and management of fish stocks. In the last ten years a number of RFOs have adopted and implemented various programmes which seek, through the introduction of catch declarations, certificates of origin, monitoring and control arrangements and statistical document programmes, to control unlawful, unregulated and unreported fishing. The ICCAT has had in place a statistical document programme for bluefin tuna since 1993. At its seventeenth ordinary meeting in 2001, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) adopted two recommendations, one on the introduction of a statistical document programme for swordfish and the other for bigeye tuna. At the same time, the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), at its sixth annual meeting in 2001, adopted a resolution on the introduction of a statistical document programme for bigeye tuna. The aim of these programmes is to improve the reliability of statistical data on catches of the species concerned and to provide information about trade flows. To that end the programmes seek to control imports, exports and re-exports of the products in question, using a statistical document validated by the competent authorities of the State concerned. The programmes, furthermore, impose an obligation on the contracting parties to ensure the collection and cross-checking of trade data. The purpose of this proposal is to incorporate in Community law the obligations laid down by the programmes and to establish the Member States' responsibility for seeing to it that they are fulfilled. In the case of bluefin tuna, the recommendations and resolutions adopted previously by the ICCAT concerning the statistical document programme have been incorporated in Community law by Council Regulation 858/94/EC of 12 April 1994 introducing a system for the statistical monitoring of trade in bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) within the Community, as last amended by Regulation 1446/99/EC of 24 June 1999. In order to ensure that the provisions on statistical documents are more easily readable and applied uniformly, Regulation 858/94/EC should be repealed and its provisions incorporated in this proposal.?

Conservation and management of fish stocks: statistical monitoring of bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna

The committee adopted the report by Rosa MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS (PES, E) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to one amendment. Whereas the proposal provided for Member States to report to the Commission on the quantities of fish imported into their territory, the committee introduced a new clause requiring Member States also to supply information on the quantities of fish exported from their territory, broken down by third country of destination, place of origin and type of fishing gear used. It argued that this was within the spirit of the Commission's own action plan and would enhance the transparency of the market.?

Conservation and management of fish stocks: statistical monitoring of bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Rosa MIGUELEZ RAMOS (PES, Spain) and made one amendment to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 23/01/03.) ?

Conservation and management of fish stocks: statistical monitoring of bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna

PURPOSE : to introduce a system for the statistical monitoring of trade in bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna within the Community.
LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 1984/2003/EC introducing a system for the statistical monitoring of trade in bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna within the Community. **CONTENT** : the Council adopted by qualified majority a Regulation introducing a system for the statistical monitoring of trade in bluefin tuna, swordfish and bigeye tuna within the Community. The initial proposal, based on Article 37 of the Treaty, was presented to the Council in August 2002. This Regulation lays down general rules and conditions for the application by the Community of: - the statistical document programmes for bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) and bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) adopted by the "ICCAT"; - the statistical document programme for bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) adopted by the "IOTC". The International Commission adopted recommendations for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) on the introduction of statistical document programmes for bigeye tuna and Atlantic swordfish. The Convention, which establishes a framework on the conservation and management of tuna stocks and tuna-like species in the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas, was adopted recently. The Community must now put into effect these recommendations and this Convention, which are legally bindings for the parties. The measures adopted aim at regulating stocks of bigeye tuna and swordfish, improving the quality and reliability of statistical data and controlling the spread of illegal fishing. Measures concerning bluefin tuna, which are already part of Community legislation, are now integrated in provisions on bigeye tuna and swordfish. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 14 November 2003.?