

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">2003/0074(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003		
Subject 3.15.15.03 Fisheries agreements with Indian Ocean countries		
Geographical area Mauritius		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		10/06/2003
		NI <a href="#">SOUCHET Dominique F.C.</a>	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs2535</a>		20/10/2003
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a>		

Key events			
07/05/2003	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2003)0202</a>	Summary
02/06/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/09/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
09/09/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0289/2003</a>	
24/09/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0405/2003</a>	Summary
20/10/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/10/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/10/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0074(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/19600

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2003)0202</a>	07/05/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0289/2003</a>	09/09/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0405/2003</a> OJ C 077 26.03.2004, p. 0089-0250 E	24/09/2003	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 2003/1869</a> <a href="#">OJ L 275 25.10.2003, p. 0001-0002</a> Summary

## EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003

**PURPOSE** : to present a proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters for the period 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003. **CONTENT** : the Protocol to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Mauritius expired on 2 December 2002. Mauritius was unable to obtain by that date scientific opinions and reports which it was awaiting regarding certain aspects of its fisheries sector. In view of the importance of these reports, Mauritius considered that the negotiations on the amendments to be made to the Protocol to the Fisheries Agreement could not be held until these reports had been obtained. The two parties accordingly decided to extend for another year, from 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003, the Protocol which was about to expire. This extension, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, was initialled by the two Parties on 21 November 2002 and sets out the technical and financial conditions governing the fishing activities of Community vessels in Mauritian waters for the period from 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003. The Commission proposes on this basis that the Council adopt the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the extension of the Protocol. A proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension pending its definitive entry into force is the subject of a separate procedure.?

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The committee adopted the report by Dominique SOUCHET (Ind, F) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure subject to just a few amendments. Believing that Parliament should be provided with better information to enable it to carry out its duties under the consultation procedure, the committee stipulated that, before undertaking any negotiations on renewal of the Protocol, the Commission should submit to Parliament and Council a general assessment report on its application, including a cost benefit analysis. Only after this report had been received and Parliament consulted should the Council authorise the Commission to enter into negotiations for adopting a new Protocol. MEPs also called on the Commission to ensure consistency between its fisheries, development and commercial policies. They added that the

Community's commercial policy should not jeopardise the particularly positive economic and social effects of its tuna fishing agreements with ACP countries such as Mauritius and that the Commission should therefore maintain a customs differential for its imports of canned tuna from those countries.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Dominique SOUCHET (IND, France) making a few amendments to the proposal. (Please see the document dated 09/09/03.)?

## EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003

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**PURPOSE** : to extend for one year the Protocol to the Agreement between the EC and Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters. **LEGISLATIVE ACT** : Council Regulation 1869/2003/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters for the period 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003. **CONTENT** : The Agreement between the Community and Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters states that the parties must enter into negotiations before the end of the period of validity of the Protocol to the Agreement in order to determine the terms of the Protocol for the following period. Mauritius, however, was not able to begin the negotiations. Therefore, this Regulation extends the existing Protocol for a period of one year. The fishing opportunities are allocated among the Member States as follows: - tuna seiners: France 20, Spain 20, Italy 2, United Kingdom 1, - surface longliners: Spain 19, France 13, Portugal 8, - vessels fishing by line: France 25 grt per month, based on an annual average. If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 28/10/03.?