



Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2005/0136(CNS)	Procedure completed
Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes: extension until 2006		
Amending Decision 2004/465/EC 2003/0281(CNS)		
Subject 3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		30/08/2005
		PSE CASACA Paulo	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2702	20/12/2005
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
20/07/2005	Legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0328	Summary
08/09/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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14/12/2005	Debate in Parliament		
15/12/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/12/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0515/2005	Summary
20/12/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
	Final act published in Official Journal		

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Technical information

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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 2004/465/EC 2003/0281(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/29784

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2005)0328	20/07/2005	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0339/2005	25/11/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0515/2005	15/12/2005	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2006)0053	12/01/2006	EC	
Follow-up document		COM(2009)0213	07/05/2009	EC	

Additional information

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Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes: extension until 2006

PURPOSE : to renew for one year of Decision 2004/465/EC on a Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision.

CONTENT : the Community has been providing financial assistance to Member States for fisheries control since 1991. This policy is based on the fact that policing involves high costs, particularly on inspection at sea by means of patrol vessels and aircraft, and for investment in technology and Information Technology (IT) networks.

With this objective in mind, four Council Decisions have been adopted providing for Community support for Member States' expenditure on fisheries inspection: Decision 89/631/EEC covering 1991 to 1995, Decision 95/527/EEC covering 1996 to 2000, Decision 2001/431/EC covering 2001 to 2003 and Decision 2004/465/EC covering 2004 and 2005. An analysis of results of this scheme clearly indicates that Community financial assistance to Member States has had a very positive impact on their inspection systems.

Decision 2004/465/EC expires on 31.12.2005 and the new financial framework for fisheries (covering the period 2007 ? 2013) will not come into force until 2007. Hence the current financial scheme adopted under Decision 2004/465/EC needs to be extended for one year so that Community support on expenditure planned by Member States on fisheries control continues to be available until the new financial scheme is in force, and in order to encourage investments by Member States in this area, taking also into account the needs of the Community Fisheries Control Agency.

The proposed Decision is in substance a renewal for one year of Decision 2004/465/EC. Priorities and actions suitable for Community financial

support remain unchanged, and periods given to Member States to report on progress made have been modified in consequence. Two new actions suitable for Community financial support have however been added in view of the need to further increase the level of technical assistance to the Commission's services.

Particular attention will be given to the needs of those Member States that joined the EU in 2004.

The amount scheduled for 2006 is EUR 35 million.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS :

- Budget lines: 11.07.02. Financial contribution to the Member States for expenditure in the field of control.
- Duration of the action and of the financial impact: 2006.
- Summary of commitment appropriations and payment appropriations: EUR 35 million.
- Administrative expenditure not included in reference amount: Human resources and associated expenditure (NDA): EUR 0,378 million each year from 2006 to 2009.
- Administrative costs, other than human resources and associated costs, not included in reference amount (NDA): EUR 0,055 million in 2006, EUR 0,12 million in 2007, EUR 0,020 million in 2008 and EUR 0,020 million in 2009.
- Total indicative financial cost of intervention: EUR 36,727 million.

Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes: extension until 2006

The committee adopted the report by Paulo CASACA (PES, PT) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure:

- MEPs deleted the provisions relating to the Commission's own fisheries activities, which they said should be dealt with elsewhere;
- a new clause stipulated that the Commission's decision on the Community financial contribution provided for in Article 6 of Decision 2004/465/EC should be based on "objective criteria which take account of shortcomings in existing control systems, the size of Exclusive Economic Zones and all zones which are to be monitored by the Member States and the number of fishermen subject to controls";
- the committee raised - from 50% as proposed by the Commission to 75% - the maximum rate of cofinancing for the purchase and modernisation of vessels and aircraft used for inspection and surveillance;
- the Commission should submit an interim assessment report to Parliament and Council by 31 December 2006.

Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes: extension until 2006

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Paulo CASACA (PES, PT) making some amendments to the proposal:

- all Member States shall submit their annual fisheries control programme by 1 June 2004 for 2004, and by 31 January 2005 for 2005. The annual programmes for 2006 shall be submitted not later than 45 days after the entry into force of the legislation. The Commission's timetable had stated that programmes for 2006 must also be submitted by 31 January 2005;
- a new clause stipulated that the Commission's decision on the Community financial contribution provided for in Article 6 of Decision 2004/465/EC should be based on objective criteria which take account of shortcomings in existing control systems, the size of Exclusive Economic Zones and all zones which are to be monitored by the Member States, and the number of fishermen subject to controls;
- Parliament raised - from 50% as proposed by the Commission to 75% - the maximum rate of cofinancing for the purchase and modernisation of vessels and aircraft used for inspection and surveillance;
- by 31 December 2006 at the latest and on the basis of the information provided by the Member States, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council an interim report on the application of this Decision.

Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes: extension until 2006

PURPOSE : to renew for one year Decision 2004/465/EC on a Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2006/2/EC amending Decision 2004/465/EC on a Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes

CONTENT : Decision 2004/465/EC expired on 31/12/2005 and the new financial framework for fisheries (covering the period 2007 ? 2013) will not come into force until 2007. Hence the financial scheme adopted under Decision 2004/465/EC needed to be extended for one year so that Community support on expenditure planned by Member States on fisheries control continued to be available until the new financial scheme is in force, and in order to encourage investments by Member States in this area, taking also into account the needs of the Community Fisheries Control Agency.

This Decision is in substance a renewal for one year of Decision 2004/465/EC. Priorities and actions suitable for Community financial support

remain unchanged, and periods given to Member States to report on progress made have been modified in consequence. Two new actions suitable for Community financial support have however been added in view of the need to further increase the level of technical assistance to the Commission's services: studies on fisheries control as well as arrangements designed to facilitate the implementation of new technologies on control.

Due to domestic budgetary and administrative difficulties, Member States which acceded to the Community on 1 May 2004 obtained very limited Community financial assistance under the financial scheme foreseen under Decision 2004/465/EC. Accordingly, this Decision pays particular attention to the needs of those Member States that joined the EU in 2004.

The amount scheduled for 2006 is EUR 35 million. The Decision provides that the financial reference amount for the implementation of the actions for which financial assistance is provided for the period 2004 to 2006 shall be EUR 105 million.

DATE OF APPLICATION : from 1 January 2006.