

Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2006/0148(CNS) Procedure completed
Fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions Amending Regulation (EC) No 639/2004 2003/0062(CNS)	
Subject 3.15.03 Fishing fleets, safety of fishing vessels 3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2759	07/11/2006
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	BORG Joe	

Key events			
31/07/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0433	Summary
26/09/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/10/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/10/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0453/2006	Summary
07/11/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/11/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/11/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0148(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 639/2004 2003/0062(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 299-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/39555

Documentation gateway

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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0453/2006	26/10/2006	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Regulation 2006/1646](#)
[OJ L 309 09.11.2006, p. 0001](#) Summary

Fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions

PURPOSE : to extend until 31 December 2006 a scheme allowing derogations from the general EU rules on the management of fishing fleets and the granting of public aid for fleet modernisation and renewal, in the Azores and Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French overseas departments.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation.

CONTENT : Council Regulation 639/2004/EC on the management of fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions allows derogations from Article 9(1)(a) of Council Regulation 2792/1999/EC laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector and Article 13 of Council Regulation 2371/2002/EC on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy.

Following the political agreement reached in the Council on 19 June 2006 concerning the European Fisheries Fund, in order to take account of the particular structural, social and economic situation in the fisheries sector in the outermost regions, the period of validity of the derogations provided for in Article 2(4) of Regulation 639/2004/EC should be extended until 31 December 2006.

On account of the extension of the period of validity of the derogation provided for in Article 2(4) of Regulation 639/2004/EC, the derogation provided for in Article 2(5) of that Regulation should be extended until 31 December 2008 to allow the entry into the fleet of capacity having benefited from public aid for the renewal of fishing vessels.

The derogations mainly concern the following:

- conditions for the entry of fishing vessels into the fleet: under EU measures, the entry of a vessel into the fleet must be compensated by the withdrawal of at least the same amount of capacity. However, outermost regions may introduce new capacity into the fleet without the withdrawal of a similar capacity, up to a certain limit ("reference levels").
- aid for renewal of the fleet: on the continent, public aid for the renewal of fishing vessels ceased to be available from 1 January 2005. However, under the specific scheme for the outermost regions, public aid for the construction of fishing vessels may still be granted until the end of the year.
- aid for modernisation of the fleet: modernisation aid may be granted to EU vessels for various measures, such as switching to more selective fishing gear and improving hygiene and the quality of the fisheries products on board. The granting of such aid is normally subject to the condition that the aid may not concern capacity in terms of tonnage or power but this condition does not apply to the outermost regions.

Fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions

The European Parliament adopted a resolution approving the Commission's proposal.

Fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions

PURPOSE: to extend a scheme allowing derogations from the general EU rules on the management of fishing fleets and the granting of public aid for fleet modernisation and renewal, in the Azores and Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French overseas departments.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation 1646/2006/EC amending Regulation 639/2004/EC on the management of fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions.

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