


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">1994/0129(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Characteristics of fishing vessels (amend. Regul. 2930/86/EEC)		
Subject 3.15.03 Fishing fleets, safety of fishing vessels		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		07/09/1994
		PSE <a href="#">BALDARELLI Francesco</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Health	<a href="#">1823</a>	22/12/1994
	Fisheries	<a href="#">1766</a>	10/06/1994

Key events			
20/05/1994	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(1994)0182</a>	Summary
10/06/1994	Debate in Council	<a href="#">1766</a>	
21/07/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/10/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
24/10/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0032/1994</a>	
28/10/1994	Debate in Parliament		
28/10/1994	Decision by Parliament	T4-0098/1994	Summary
22/12/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

Procedure reference	1994/0129(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043; Rules of Procedure EP 163
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/05807

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1994)0182</a> <a href="#">OJ C 160 11.06.1994, p. 0015</a>	20/05/1994	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1012/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 393 31.12.1994, p. 0085</a>	14/09/1994	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0032/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0026</a>	24/10/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0098/1994 <a href="#">OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0487-0502</a>	28/10/1994	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

[Regulation 1994/3259](#)  
[OJ L 339 29.12.1994, p. 0011](#) Summary

## Characteristics of fishing vessels (amend. Regul. 2930/86/EEC)

The proposal for a regulation aimed to amend Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 defining the characteristics of fishing vessels with a view to harmonising within the Community the gross tonnage of vessels of all sizes. The amendments related to the definition and calculation of the gross tonnage of large, medium and small vessels. It was proposed that: - the gross tonnage of new and existing large fishing vessels (over 24 metres) should be defined and measured in accordance with Annex I to the 1969 Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships; - the gross tonnage of new medium-sized fishing vessels (10-24 metres) should be measured in accordance with Annex I of the 1969 Convention; - the gross tonnage of small vessels (under 10 metres) should be defined and measured according to a formula using simple measurements that were easily accessible. In order to define the gross tonnage of small vessels and to assess the gross tonnage of existing large vessels, a simple formula was introduced which incorporated only the overall length, the breadth and the depth of the vessel. It was proposed that the timetable for re-measuring existing medium-sized vessels be prolonged to 1996. ?

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The committee adopted, with one abstention, the report . The Commission's proposal aims essentially to harmonise the system for measuring the gross tonnage of vessels of all dimensions within the Union. It divides Community vessels into three categories: large - those with an overall length of 24 metres or greater, medium - those between 10 and 24 metres and small - those of less than 10 metres. Measurement of vessels will be according to criteria laid out for each category: - large and medium vessels will be measured in accordance with Annex I of the 1969 International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships (ICTMS); Existing large vessels will be measured before 18.07.94; existing medium ones before 18.07.96; - small vessels may be measured according to the simple formulae contained in the annexes to the Regulation. Members agreed with the rapporteur that the need to establish uniform measurement criteria was without question, since the stated tonnage of a vessel affected a variety of major economic factors, including taxation, cost of fishing rights etc. However, the committee

felt that the timetable proposed by the Commission for medium sized vessels was too strict and adopted an amendment prolonging it to 1 January 1998 (instead of 18.07.96). Two other amendments calling for Community co-financing of re-measurement costs and for official certification of compliance with safety rules were also adopted.- small vessels may be measured according to the simple formulae contained in the annexes to the Regulation. Members agreed with the rapporteur that the need to establish uniform measurement criteria was without question, since the stated tonnage of a vessel affected a variety of major economic factors, including taxation, cost of fishing rights etc. However, the committee felt that the timetable proposed by the Commission for medium sized vessels was too strict and adopted an amendment prolonging it to 1 January 1998 (instead of 18.07.96). Two other amendments calling for Community co-financing of re-measurement costs and for official certification of compliance with safety rules were also adopted.

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Parliament approved the Commission proposal subject to its amendments, which aimed to: - prolong to 1 January 1998 the timetable for the re-measuring of all medium-sized vessels in accordance with Annex I to the 1969 Convention, - ensure that the cost of re-measuring the gross tonnage of medium-sized vessels (between 10 and 24 metres long) was financed 50% by the vessel owner and 50% by the Community, - make provision for official certification for compliance with working conditions. ?

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The Council regulation amended Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 defining the characteristics of fishing vessels with a view to harmonising within the Community the tonnage of vessels of all dimensions. The amendments adopted related to the definition and calculation of the gross tonnage of large, medium and small vessels. The regulation stipulated that: - the gross tonnage of new and existing large fishing vessels (over 24 metres) should be defined and measured in accordance with Annex I to the 1969 Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships; - the gross tonnage of new medium-sized fishing vessels (15-24 metres) should be measured in accordance with Annex I of the 1969 Convention; - the gross tonnage of small vessels (under 15 metres) should be defined and measured according to a formula using simple measurements that were easily accessible. Member States should ensure that existing medium-sized vessels were re-measured in accordance with Annex 1 to the 1969 Convention before 1 January 2004. In order to define the gross tonnage of small vessels and to assess the gross tonnage of existing large vessels, a simple formula was introduced which incorporated only the overall length, the breadth and the depth of the vessel. The regulation entered into force on 5 January 1995. ?