


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1994/0186(CNS) Procedure completed
Compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas	
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries	PPE LANGENHAGEN Brigitte	07/09/1994
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1940	25/06/1996

Key events			
22/07/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0331	Summary
26/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/11/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
29/11/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0086/1994	
16/12/1994	Debate in Parliament		
16/12/1994	Decision by Parliament	T4-0221/1994	Summary
25/06/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
25/06/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/07/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1994/0186(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision

Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/05972

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1994)0331 OJ C 229 18.08.1994, p. 0010	22/07/1994	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0086/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0004	29/11/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0221/1994 OJ C 018 23.01.1995, p. 0424-0438	16/12/1994	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 1996/428 OJ L 177 16.07.1996, p. 0024 Summary

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In order to discourage the practice of requesting the allocation or change of flag by fishing vessels in order to circumvent international measures for the conservation and management of living marine resources, the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations), of which the Community was a member, negotiated an Agreement to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas. The Agreement clarified the states' responsibilities with regard to flags and stipulated that the signatories should make all efforts to ensure that vessels did not engage in any activity that undermined the conservation or management of biological resources. In particular, the Agreement stipulated that the states should establish a system to authorise fishing in the high seas and that they should carry out a series of controls before granting this authorisation and throughout its period of validity. Moreover, states should provide for sanctions in order to guarantee respect for the Agreement. This proposal for a decision was aimed at enabling the Community to accept the Agreement. ?

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The committee unanimously adopted the report by Mrs LANGENHAGEN supporting the accession of the EU to the FAO agreement to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas. The agreement aims to improve conservation of fish stocks outside the 200 nautical mile limit.

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Parliament approved the Commission proposal subject to the amendment it tabled. This amendment called on the Commission to submit to the Council and the European Parliament, on an annual basis, a report on the implementation of the agreement. The Commission did not accept this amendment. ?

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The Council adopted the Decision on accession to the agreement.

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OBJECTIVE: to enable the Community to accede to the Agreement to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high sea. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 96/428/EC SUBSTANCE: the Community's accession to this agreement, which concerns the conservation and management of the biological resources of the high seas, is the outcome of protracted discussions during 1994 and 1995 and the judgment delivered by the European Court of Justice on 19 March 1996 in case C-25/94 on the right to vote in the FAO on the occasion of the adoption of the agreement in question. ?