

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2502/1999  
of 26 November 1999**

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 2166/83 establishing a licensing system for certain fisheries in an  
area north of Scotland (Shetland area)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 7(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2166/83 of 29 July 1983 establishing a licensing system for certain fisheries in an area north of Scotland (Shetland area) <sup>(3)</sup> establishes the procedure for communicating the movements of Community fishing vessels operating in the area in question;
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1489/97 of 29 July 1997 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 as regards satellite-based vessel monitoring systems <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2445/1999 <sup>(5)</sup>, determines the specific data that Community fishing vessels covered by satellite-based vessel monitoring systems (VMS) are required to transmit;
- (3) in order to reduce the load on the fisheries concerned, vessels operating in the area north of Scotland (Shetland area) to which VMS apply and which transmit the requi-

site data via VMS should be exempt from the requirement to communicate their movements;

- (4) Regulation (EEC) No 2166/83 must be amended accordingly;
- (5) the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The following paragraph is hereby added to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2166/83:

‘3. However, Community fishing vessels operating in the area to which satellite-based vessel monitoring systems (VMS) apply and which transmit data via VMS in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1489/97 (\*) shall be exempt from the obligation to communicate their movements provided for in paragraph 1.

(\*) OJ L 202, 30.7.1997, p. 18.’

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1999.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 164, 9.6.1998, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 206, 30.7.1983, p. 71.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 202, 30.7.1997, p. 18.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 298, 19.11.1999, p. 5.