

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2517/2000
of 9 November 2000**

amending Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 ⁽²⁾ fixes for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters.
- (2) Within the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Estonia ⁽³⁾, an additional quantity of 600 tonnes of cod in the Baltic Sea was granted to the Community.
- (3) The total allowable catch of capelin in Greenland waters for 2000 has been set within a trilateral agreement among Greenland, Iceland and Norway at 975 000 tonnes of which the quota accruing to Greenland is to be 107 500 tonnes and consequently the quota accruing to the Community has to be adapted.
- (4) The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) at its last annual meeting held from 12 to 16 June 2000, adopted a catch limitation for yellowfin tuna in 2000 and modified the provisional catch limitation for bigeye tuna adopted in 1999. The Community, being in the process of accession to IATTC, should fully cooperate with this organisation in all matters of fisheries conservation by implementing these measures.

(5) Greater clarity is required regarding geographical areas in which herring may be caught in the North-East Atlantic.

(6) Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 3(3), the entry:

'Estonia	EUR 216 695'
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shall be replaced by the entry:

'Estonia	EUR 448 895'
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2. The entry in Annex I hereto shall replace the corresponding entry in Annex I A.

3. In Annex I C:

— In the entry 'Herring, zone I, II', under 'Special conditions', the reference to 'Faroese waters' shall be replaced by a reference to 'Faroese waters, including ICES Division Vb north of latitude 62° N'.

— The entry in Annex II hereto shall replace the corresponding entry.

4. In Annex I F:

— The entries in Annex III hereto shall replace the corresponding entries.

— The entries in Annex IV hereto shall be added.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98, (OJ L 164, 9.6.1998, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1902/2000 (OJ L 228, 8.9.2000, p. 50).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 332, 20.12.1996, p. 16.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2000.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX I

Species: Cod <i>Gadus morhua</i>	Zone: IIIbcd (Community waters)	
Denmark	29 275	⁽¹⁾ Of which 1 000 tonnes are allocated in Estonian waters but shall be fished in Community waters. ⁽²⁾ To be counted against the Estonian share of the IBSFC TAC. ⁽³⁾ To be counted against the Latvian share of the IBSFC TAC. ⁽⁴⁾ To be counted against the Lithuanian share of the IBSFC TAC. ⁽⁵⁾ To be fished only with gillnets.
Germany	12 807	
Finland	1 647	
Sweden	21 633	
EC	65 362 ⁽¹⁾	
Estonia	600 ⁽²⁾	
Latvia	2 100 ⁽³⁾	
Lithuania	1 000 ⁽⁴⁾	
Poland	350 ⁽⁵⁾	
TAC	105 000	

Special conditions:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the zones specified:

	Estonian waters	Latvian waters	Lithuanian waters
EC	600	1 300	1 000

ANNEX II

Species: Capelin <i>Mallotus villosus</i>		Zone: V, XIV (Greenland waters)
EC	28 550 ⁽¹⁾ 75 250 ⁽²⁾	⁽¹⁾ Available to all Member States
TAC	Not relevant	⁽²⁾ Of which 6 700 tonnes are allocated to Norway, 30 000 tonnes to Iceland and 10 000 tonnes to the Faroe Islands. The Community share represents 70 % of the Greenland share of the TAC for capelin.

ANNEX III

Species: Bigeye tuna <i>Thunnus obesus</i>		Zone: eastern Pacific Ocean (area bounded by the coastline of the Americas, the 40° N parallel, the 150° N meridian and the 40° S parallel)
EC	Not relevant	⁽¹⁾ The fishery on all types of floating objects shall be closed from September 15 through December 15
TAC	Not relevant ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾ The fishery may be closed earlier than 15 September if the catch of bigeye tune of less than 60 cm has reached the level of 1999

ANNEX IV

Species: Yellowfin tuna <i>Thunnus albacores</i>		Zone: eastern, Pacific Ocean ⁽¹⁾
EC	⁽²⁾	⁽¹⁾ Within the geographical area bounded by the west coast of the Americas and a line sequentially joining the following coordinates: — a point on the west coast of the United States at latitude 40° N — latitude 40° N, longitude 125° W — latitude 20° N, longitude 125° W — latitude 20° N, longitude 120° W — latitude 5° N, longitude 120° W — latitude 5° N, longitude 110° W — latitude 10° S, longitude 110° W — latitude 10° S, longitude 90° W — latitude 30° S, longitude 90° W — a point on the west coast of Chile at latitude 30° S
TAC	265 000 ⁽³⁾	⁽²⁾ Catches shall be counted directly against the TAC ⁽³⁾ The fishery shall be closed on 1 December irrespective of whether the 265 000 tonnes have been caught.

Special conditions:

When the catch in the zone has reached 240 000 tonnes, fishing shall be prohibited in the following areas:

- That part of the zone to the north of latitude 23° N
- That part of the zone within an area bounded by latitude 5° N, latitude 5° S and longitude 85° W.