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*(Acts whose publication is obligatory)*

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 811/76****of 6 April 1976****temporarily authorizing certain systems of catch quotas in the fisheries sector**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
Economic Community, and in particular Article 43  
thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parlia-  
ment <sup>(1)</sup>,

Whereas the fishery resources of the sea would be  
considerably endangered if catches were not  
controlled; whereas the rational development of the  
production of fishery products might be disturbed if  
no limit were placed on the size of landings;

Whereas to this end several Member States have  
contracted certain international undertakings aiming  
at restricting the catches of their fishing fleets;

Whereas, in order to avoid any doubts as to the  
legality of national measures, while awaiting definitive

regulations to limit production in this sector at  
Community level, for the period of time necessary for  
the preparation of such rules Member States should be  
authorized to retain, on a temporary basis, the national  
catch systems arising out of international undertak-  
ings,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Member States are hereby authorized to limit the  
catches of their fishing fleets in accordance with inter-  
national undertakings contracted or to be contracted.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply until 31 December 1976.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 6 April 1976.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. HAMILIUS

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<sup>(1)</sup> Opinion delivered on 5 April 1976 (not yet published in  
the Official Journal).