

## COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3616/87

of 1 December 1987

concerning the stopping of fishing for sprat by vessels flying the flag of a Member State

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2241/87 of 23 July 1987 establishing certain control measures for fishing activities<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 11 (3) thereof,Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 4034/86 of 22 December 1986, fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, total allowable catches for 1987 and certain conditions under which they may be fished<sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3545/87<sup>(3)</sup>, provides for sprat quotas for 1987;

Whereas, in order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantitative limitations on catches of stocks subject to quotas, it is necessary for the Commission to fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated;

Whereas, according to the information communicated to the Commission, catches of sprat in the waters of ICES

division II a (EC-zone), IV (EC-zone), by vessels flying the flag of a Member State or registered in a Member State have reached the quota allocated for 1987,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Catches of sprat in the waters of ICES division II a (EC-zone), IV (EC-zone), by vessels flying the flag of a Member State or registered in a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to the Community for 1987.

Fishing for sprat in the waters of ICES division II a (EC-zone), IV (EC-zone), by vessels flying the flag of a Member State or registered in a Member State is prohibited, as well as the retention on board, the transshipment and the landing of such stock captured by the abovementioned vessels after the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 1 December 1987.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 207, 29. 7. 1987, p. 1.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 376, 31. 12. 1986, p. 39.<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 337, 27. 11. 1987, p. 7.