

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 December 1987

on the multiannual guidance programme for the fishing fleet (1987 to 1991)
forwarded by Denmark pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86

(Only the Danish text is authentic)

(88/147/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86 of 18 December 1986 on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas, on 30 April 1987, the Italian Government forwarded to the Commission a multiannual guidance programme for the fishing fleet, hereinafter referred to as 'the programme'; whereas it forwarded at a later date additional information concerning the programme;

Whereas it is necessary to consider whether, having regard to the foreseeable trend in fishery resources, the market for fishery and aquaculture products, the measures adopted under the common fisheries policy and the guidelines for the latter, the programme fulfills the conditions laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86 and constitutes a suitable framework for Community and national financial aid for the sector concerned;

Whereas a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources was introduced by Council Regulation (EEC) No 170/83⁽²⁾;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86 is aimed at facilitating the structural development of the fisheries sector within the framework of the guidelines of the common fisheries policy; whereas such structural development may be encouraged by appropriate measures supported with Community financial aid;

Whereas such measures should help to create a fishing fleet that is adapted to likely medium-term catch

opportunities in both Community and non-Community waters; whereas these measures should, in particular, be based on an attempt to ensure balanced exploitation of internal resources in Community waters;

Whereas the measures implemented under the Community rules adopted for the decade from 1987 to 1997 are a continuation of the efforts made since 1983 to improve the structural situation up to 31 December 1986 through common measures to restructure, modernize and develop the fisheries sector; whereas, therefore, the objectives of the previous programme approved by Commission Decision 85/279/EEC⁽³⁾ constitute the reference basis for assessing the actual development recorded and the effort still needed to ensure that the Community objectives are achieved;

Whereas the objectives of the guidance programme for 1986 have not been fully achieved; whereas the current or likely situation as regards availabilities in conjunction with the activities of the fleet concerned do not allow for any adjustment of the forecast on the basis of which these objectives were determined and approved; whereas the efforts made to adapt the fleet should therefore be sustained and strengthened over the period 1987 to 1991.

Whereas these forecasts could be reviewed were there to be any significant change in availabilities, backed up by scientific evidence, and in the light of the development of international fishery relations between the Community and coastal third States;

Whereas, in addition, the scope of the planned modernization efforts implies a substantial improvement in the overall performance of the fleet concerned which should be taken into account when assessing the relationship to be achieved by the end of the programme period between fishing capacities and availabilities;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 376, 31. 12. 1986, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 24, 27. 1. 1983, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 157, 15. 6. 1985, p. 6.

Whereas the desired structural adjustments should be implemented on a gradual and continuing basis to reduce the economic and social impact they may have to a minimum;

Whereas the development recorded should be monitored on a regular basis so as to improve or adjust the fishery support measures that accompany the implementation of the programme;

Whereas any development that does not comply with the programme objectives would run counter to the objectives of the common fisheries policy; whereas, therefore, certain specific measures undertaken under this programme may not warrant public financial assistance; whereas, in this context, approval of the programme should only be effective where the limitations and conditions upon which such approval was made conditional are complied with;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme for the fishing fleet (1987 to 1991), as forwarded by the Danish Government on 30 April 1987 and as later supplemented by that Government, is hereby approved subject to the limitations and conditions set out in this Decision and provided that those limitations and conditions are complied with.

Article 2

Each year, at the latest by 15 February and 31 July, Denmark shall forward to the Commission, in respect of

each category of vessels defined in the programme, information on the number of vessels commissioned and withdrawn and on the tonnage and engine power added and withdrawn during the six-month period ending on the preceding 31 December or 30 June.

Article 3

The approval referred to in Article 1 shall only be effective where the development of the fleet complies with the objectives of the programme as set out in the Annex hereto.

The Commission shall, on the basis of its assessment of the information provided on a regular basis as specified in Article 2 or, where this information is repeatedly not supplied, notify the Member State, at the end of two consecutive six-month periods, that it has been found that the conditions to which approval of the programme was made subject have not been fulfilled.

Article 4

This Decision shall be without prejudice to any Community financial aid that may be granted to individual investment projects.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Done at Brussels, 11 December 1987.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Multiannual guidance programme for the Danish fishing fleets (1987 to 1991)

I. GENERAL REMARKS

The programme relates only to Danish vessels with a tonnage of 5 GRT or more. Vessels of a tonnage below 5 GRT may not receive any State aid. The programme covers the entire territory of Denmark, excluding the Faroes and Greenland.

II. OBJECTIVES

1. The programme must achieve :
 - (a) a reduction of the overall fleet to 119 400 GRT and to 515 300 kW ;
 - (b) the maintenance of a regional balance between the various categories of the fleet ;
 - (c) the introduction of better measures to support and monitor the development of the fleet ;
 - (d) the modernization of existing vessels that are less than 25 years old.
2. The development of the fleet the period covered by the programme should be made within the following limits :

	<i>(Tonnage (GRT))</i>		
	Objective of programme 2908/83	Situation at 1. 1. 1987	Objective at 31. 12. 1991
Seiners	6 345	6 665 ⁽¹⁾	6 500 ⁽¹⁾
Trawlers over 36 m	17 676	29 049 ⁽¹⁾	22 000 ⁽²⁾
Basic fleet	85 579	87 833 ⁽¹⁾	78 600 ⁽²⁾
Vessels less than 12 m	11 711	11 121 ⁽¹⁾	10 500
Special vessels	1 780	1 820 ⁽¹⁾	1 800
Total	123 091	136 488 ⁽¹⁾	119 400

	<i>(Engine power (kW))</i>		
	Objective of programme 2908/83	Situation at 1. 1. 1987	Objective at 31. 12. 1991
Seiners	13 267	14 085	14 100
Trawlers over 36 m	42 229	61 402	54 400 ⁽²⁾
Basic fleet	391 577	416 610	369 300 ⁽²⁾
Vessels less than 12 m	70 285	70 750	68 400
Special vessels	8 467	9 149	9 100
Total	525 825	571 996	515 300

⁽¹⁾ Tonnage measured according to type of boat, in GRT or GT.

⁽²⁾ A certain flexibility should be allowed regarding capacity between the fleet of 'trawlers of more than 36 m' and the 'basic fleet'.

III. PLANNED MEASURES

The following measures should be implemented to achieve the objectives set out above :

1. Promotion of the permanent withdrawal of certain vessels.
2. Modernization methods should be aimed primarily at improving catch quality, on-board working and safety conditions and at bringing about energy savings.
3. Strict monitoring of additions to the fleet with a view to ensuring that the fleet is cut back in line with the targets fixed.

IV. COMMENTS

1. The overall objective referred to in point II (1) (a) above and the objective for each category of vessel in the fleet set out in the above tables may only be revised on the basis of detailed scientific assessments that show the existence of stocks which are not fully exploited at present.
 2. At least 20 % of the programme objective should be achieved by the end of 1988 and at least 80 % by the end of 1990.
 3. The Commission recalls that any structural financial measures taken by the national, regional or local authorities in respect of the sector concerned must henceforth lie within the scope of this programme.
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