

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 731/98**  
**of 30 March 1998**  
**amending Regulation (EC) No 3070/95 on the establishment of a pilot project on**  
**satellite tracking in the NAFO Regulatory Area**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 3070/95 <sup>(3)</sup>, Member States are carrying out a pilot project on satellite tracking of vessels fishing in the Regulatory Area from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1997;

Whereas, on 19 September 1997, the NAFO Fisheries Commission adopted a proposal to prolong the pilot project on satellite tracking to 31 December 1998;

Whereas, in accordance with Article XI of the NAFO Convention and in the absence of objections, the proposal became a measure binding upon the NAFO Contracting Parties as from 25 November 1997;

Whereas steps should be taken to implement the proposal at Community level;

Whereas as a matter of urgency and common concern this Regulation should apply from 1 January 1998,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 3070/95, '31 December 1997' shall be replaced by '31 December 1998'.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 March 1998.

*For the Council*

*The President*

LORD SIMON of HIGHBURY

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 6, 10. 1. 1998, p. 17.

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion delivered on 13 March 1998 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 329, 30. 12. 1995, p. 11.