

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1441/98****of 3 July 1998****amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/98 concerning the stopping of fishing for blue whiting by vessels flying the flag of a Member State except Spain and Portugal**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2635/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/98 <sup>(3)</sup> stops fishing for blue whiting by vessels flying the flag of a Member State except Spain and Portugal;

Whereas on 27 March 1998 Spain transferred to Germany 3 000 tonnes of blue whiting in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI and VII; whereas fishing for blue whiting in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI and VII by vessels flying the flag of Germany or registered in Germany must therefore be authorised;

Whereas the present state of uptake of the blue whiting quota allocated to Spain in the waters of ICES divisions

V b (EC zone), VI and VII means that the quota transfer in question may be made;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 1234/98 should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EC) No 1234/98 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in the title, after 'Portugal', 'and Germany' is added;
2. in the second paragraph of Article 1, after 'Portugal', and 'Germany' is inserted.

*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 with effect from 17 June 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 July 1998.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 356, 31. 12. 1997, p. 14.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 170, 16. 6. 1998, p. 3.