

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1446/2000**of 16 June 2000****amending Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 ⁽²⁾ sets a TAC for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay (ICES sub-area VIII) of 16 000 tonnes. This figure was adopted in the light of scientific advice indicating that the spawning stock biomass in 2000 could be dangerously low.
- (2) Improved scientific estimates of the spawning stock biomass have been provided by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries.
- (3) According to this scientific advice, the spawning stock biomass is considerably higher than the previously estimated value and therefore a TAC of 33 000 tonnes may be established.

(4) These fishing opportunities should be allocated to Member States in accordance with Article 8(4)(ii) of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92.

(5) In order to ensure the livelihood of Community fishermen, it is important to establish the new TAC as early as possible in 2000. Given the urgency of the matter, it is imperative to grant an exception to the six-week period mentioned in paragraph I(3) of the Protocol on the role of national Parliaments of the European Union, annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 is hereby amended as follows:

The Annex to this Regulation replaces the corresponding entries in the Annex I.D.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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 Luxembourg, 16 June 2000.

For the Council

The President

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98 (OJ L 164, 9.6.1998, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

ANNEX

Species: Anchovy <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>		Zone: VIII
Spain	29 700	
France	3 300	
EC	33 000	
TAC	33 000	