

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty
Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2006/C 47/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Date of adoption of the decision: 17.9.2003

Member State: United Kingdom (England)

Aid No: N 144/2003

Title: Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2003

Objective: To withdraw fishing vessels from the fleet in order to reduce effort on cod fishing by 15-20 %

Legal basis: Statutory Instrument

Aid intensity or amount: The applications will be considered on the basis of individual, competitive bids and will be selected those representing the highest benefit deriving from the bid. For vessels of 10 years or more the awards will be within the limits provided for under the Regulation 2792/1999 plus an additional 20 % scrapping premium. For vessels less than 10 years of age the ceilings will be increased by 1,5 % for each year less than 10 years of age

Duration: 2003-2004

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 4.7.2003

Member State: United Kingdom (Scotland)

Aid No: N 155/2003

Title: The Sea Fishing (Transitional Support) (Scotland) (No 2) Scheme 2003

Objective: To provide economic compensation to vessels affected by reductions in fishing effort on cod stocks in the North Sea

Legal basis: Scottish Statutory Instrument

Budget: GBP 10 million (around EUR 15 million)

Aid intensity or amount: GBP 142 per Vessel Capacity Unit for vessels qualified for the entire period.

Duration: 1 March — 31 August 2003

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 27.2.2004

Member State: Ireland

Aid No: N 340/2001

Title: Tax reliefs on investment in the whitefish fleet

Objective: To encourage capital investment into the whitefish fleet

Legal basis: Finance Act 2001

Budget: The actual monetary costs and benefits of the scheme will depend on the type and scale of the project, the taxation scale against which the relief is taken and the level of funding other than grant aid

Form of aid and intensity: Rates of assistance established on the basis of Council Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2369/2002 of 20 December 2002

Period of assistance: 2001, 2002, 2003, ending on 3 September 2004

Other information: Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 5.4.2004

Member State: Netherlands

Aid No: N 356/2003

Title: Safeguarding the interests of the fishery products landing sector

Objective: Financing advisory services for and safeguarding the interests of the fishery products landing sector

Legal basis:

- Instellingsverordening Productschap Vis
- Verordening instelling van een fonds voor de aanvoersector

Budget: Between EUR 50 and EUR 100 000 per year**Duration:** 2003 and subsequent years**Rate of aid/amount:** Within the limits laid down in the Guidelines for the examination of State aid to fisheries and aquaculture (OJ C 19, 20.1.2001, p. 7)**Other details:** Annual report

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Date of adoption of the decision: 17.2.2003**Member state:** Spain**Aid no:** N 574/2002**Title:** Agreement with Morocco — Conversion of the fishing fleet (Valencia)**Objective:** To promote conversion of vessels and redeployment of fishermen dependent, until 1999, on the fisheries agreement with Morocco**Legal basis:** Orden de la Conselleria de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación por la que se establecen determinados requisitos y condiciones que afectan a la reconversión de los buques y pescadores por la finalización del Acuerdo de pesca con Marruecos**Budget:** EUR 1 500 000**Aid intensity or amount:** Criteria and scales laid down in Council Regulations (EC) Nos 2792/1999 and 2561/2001**Duration:** 2002-03

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Date of the decision: 15.1.2003**Member state:** Italy**Aid no:** N 702/2002**Title:** Measures implemented by the industry. Fisheries sector**Objective:** Implementation of structural measures by those involved in the fishing industry included in the Community support framework**Legal basis:** Circolare applicativa della normativa CE in materia di OO.PP. e Associazioni di OO.PP. (Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali)**Budget:** EUR 5 286 000**Aid intensity or amount:** According to the rates set in Council Regulation (EC) No 2792/99**Duration:** 2000-2006**Other information:** Annual report

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Date of the decision: 15.1.2003**Member state:** Portugal**Aid no:** NN 92/2002**Title:** Temporary stopping of fishing for sardine — Fisheries sector**Objective:** To compensate fishermen and the owners of fishing vessels for the temporary suspension of fishing for sardine (*Sardina pilchardus*) owing to an unforeseeable biological development in the northern region (exceptional abundance of juveniles) and the resulting ban on fishing with a view to the recovery of the spawning biomass**Legal basis:** Portaria n.º. 123-B/2002, de 8 de Fevereiro, que estabelece o Regulamento de apoio à cessação temporária da actividade das embarcações de pesca dirigida à sardinha**Budget:** EUR 1 200 000**Duration:** Two months during 2002

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