

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1168/96  
of 25 June 1996**

**laying down for 1996 certain conservation and management measures for fishery resources in the Convention Area as defined in the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in North-East Atlantic Fisheries**

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 8 <sup>(4)</sup> thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Community has signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which contains principles and rules relating to the conservation and management of the living resources within the exclusive economic zones of the coastal States and on the high seas;

Whereas the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in North-East Atlantic Fisheries, hereinafter referred to as the 'NEAFC Convention', was approved by the Council in Decision 81/608/EEC of 13 July 1981 <sup>(2)</sup> and entered into force on 17 March 1982;

Whereas the NEAFC Convention establishes a suitable framework for multilateral cooperation in the rational conservation and optimum utilization of the fishery resources of the Convention Area as defined therein;

Whereas the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission adopted on 21 March 1996 as recommendation limiting the catches of redfish in the Convention Area for 1996; whereas it is appropriate that this recommendation be implemented by the Community;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92, it falls to the Council to establish for each fishery or group of fisheries the total allowable catch (TAC) and the share available to the Community and to allocate the share available to the Community among the Member States;

Whereas the fishing activities covered by this Regulation are subject to the control measures provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy <sup>(3)</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In 1996, catches of redfish by Community fishing vessels shall be limited to the quotas set out in the Annex.

All catches by Community fishing vessels of redfish before this Regulation is adopted shall be counted against the quotas set out in the Annex.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 25 June 1996.

*For the Council*

*The President*

M. PINTO

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 227, 12. 8. 1981, p. 21.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 261, 20. 10. 1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2870/95 (OJ No L 301, 14. 12. 1995, p. 1).

## ANNEX

Stock		Member State	1996 quota (tonnes)
Species	Geographical area		
Redfish ( <i>Sebastes mentella</i> , oceanic-type) <sup>(1)</sup>	ICES XIV/XII/V <sup>(2)</sup>	Belgium	
		Denmark	
		Germany	18 220
		Greece	
		Spain	3 200
		France	1 700
		Ireland	4
		Italy	
		Luxembourg	
		Netherlands	8
		Portugal	3 824
		United Kingdom	44
		Austria	
		Finland	
Sweden			
Available for Member States			
	EC total	27 000 <sup>(3)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> Fished with pelagic trawls, excluding discards but including the fish above as well as below the acoustic layer.

<sup>(2)</sup> Community fishing waters and areas beyond fisheries jurisdiction of the other coastal States.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes a transfer of 4 000 tonnes from Denmark (on behalf of the Faroe Islands and Greenland).