

Proposal for a Council Decision amending Council Decision 97/413/EC concerning the objectives and detailed rules for restructuring the Community fisheries sector for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001 with a view to achieving a balance on a sustainable basis between resources and their exploitation

(2001/C 270 E/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 14 June 2001)

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⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1181/98 ⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) The Common Fisheries Policy will be reviewed before 1 January 2003. In order to ensure the coherence between the policy for restructuring the fisheries sector and the rest of the Common Fisheries Policy it is therefore necessary to prolong the period of application of Council Decision 97/413/EC until 31 December 2002.
- (2) In order to make further progress towards achieving a balance between fisheries resources and their exploitation the fishing effort of the Community fleet should continue to be reduced during the prolongation year.
- (3) Measures to improve safety should not lead to an increase in fishing effort and such measures should therefore be applied within the existing capacity objectives for the fleet.
- (4) Decision 97/413/EC should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Council Decision 97/413/EC is amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is amended as follows:

- (a) In paragraph 1 '31 December 2001' is replaced by '31 December 2002'.

- (b) In paragraph 2, '30 %' is replaced by '36 %' and '20 %' is replaced by '24 %'.

- (c) In paragraphs 3 and 4, 'the period 1997 to 2001' is replaced by 'the period 1997 to 2002'.

2. Article 3 is amended as follows:

- (a) '31 December 2001' is replaced by '31 December 2002'.

- (b) The words 'except in the framework of programmes for improving safety of navigation at sea' are deleted.

3. In Article 4 paragraph 2 is deleted.

4. In Article 7 '31 December 2001' is replaced by '31 December 2002'.

5. Article 9 is replaced by the following:

'Article 9

The implementation of the objectives and detailed rules of this Decision shall be carried out by the Commission in accordance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 (*). By 31 December 2001 the Commission shall modify, in accordance with the present Decision, the Multiannual Guidance Programmes for the fishing fleets of individual Member States. The programmes shall be prolonged to cover the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2002 and shall be progressively achieved, by reference to annual intermediate objectives.

(*) OJ L 337, 30.12.1999, p. 10.'

Article 2

This Decision shall apply as of 1 January 2002.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 164, 9.6.1998, p. 1.