

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector

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(Text with EEA relevance)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 1 December 2000)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 of 17 December 1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector⁽¹⁾ fixes maximum rates of assistance from the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG) in accordance with the ceilings laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down

general provisions on the Structural Funds⁽²⁾, modified by the Council Regulation (EC) No [...].

(2) However, the limits which apply to the FIFG remain below the special provisions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 for certain categories of Objective 1 regions. These limits should therefore be amended for those regions, with the exception of the limits for aid for fleet renewal and modernisation of fishing vessels; the limits applicable to FIFG should, therefore, be amended for these regions, with the exception of the limits concerning aids for renewal and modernisation of the fishing fleet, because of the specific difficulties relating to each of these categories of region in particular concerning the ultra peripheral regions, it is necessary to take into account the factors indicated in article 299 paragraph 2 of the Treaty as these could be very damaging to their development.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 should be amended.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Table 3 of Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 is replaced by the following table:

TABLE 3

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Objective 1 regions (*)	50 % ≤ A ≤ 75 % B ≥ 25 %	A ≤ 35 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 60 %	A ≤ 35 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 40 %	A ≤ 75 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 20 %
Objective 1 regions located in a Member State covered by the Cohesion Fund	50 % ≤ A ≤ 80 % B ≥ 20 % (**)	A ≤ 35 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 60 %	A ≤ 35 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 40 %	A ≤ 75 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 20 %
Outermost regions	50 % ≤ A ≤ 85 % B ≥ 15 % (**)	A ≤ 35 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 60 %	A ≤ 50 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 25 % (***)	A ≤ 75 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 20 %
Outlying Greek Islands which are under a handicap due to their distant location	50 % ≤ A ≤ 85 % B ≥ 15 % (**)	A ≤ 35 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 60 %	A ≤ 35 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 40 %	A ≤ 75 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 20 %
Other areas	25 % ≤ A ≤ 50 % B ≥ 50 %	A ≤ 15 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 60 %	A ≤ 15 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 60 %	A ≤ 50 % B ≥ 5 % C ≥ 30 %

(*) Including those referred to in Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999.

(**) Notwithstanding the general arrangements for Objective 1 regions, and only in duly justified cases.

(***) Notwithstanding the general arrangements for Objective 1 regions, and only in very small firms to be listed in the programme complement referred to in Article 19(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 30.12.1999, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1.

A summary description of the derogations provided for under the first subparagraph shall be included in the operational programmes or single programming documents for the areas concerned referred to in Articles 18 and 19 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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.
