



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

amending for the sixth time, 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 and amending Regulation 66/98

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 is required following decisions recently reached within the framework of the International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission whereby the Republic of Poland has transferred 20000 tonnes of herring in the Baltic Sea to the Community and following agreement reached between the European Community, on behalf of Sweden, and the Republic of Poland whereby 2500 tonnes of sprat has been transferred to Sweden and within the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania whereby 4000 tonnes of sprat has been transferred to the Community.

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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 aquaculture¹, and in particular Article 8, paragraph 4,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission²,

Whereas:

- (1) Within the framework of the International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission, the Republic of Poland has transferred 20000 tonnes of herring in the Baltic Sea to the Community;
- (2) An agreement has been reached between the European Community, on behalf of Sweden, and the Republic of Poland whereby 2500 tonnes of sprat in the Baltic Sea has been transferred to Sweden;
- (3) Within the Agreement on fisheries relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania, 4000 tonnes of sprat has been transferred to the Community;
- (4) 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 and amending Regulation 66/98³ requires to be modified accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

¹ OJ L 389, 31.12.1992, p. 1

² OJ C , , p. .

³ OJ L 341, 31.12.1999, p. 1.

Article 1

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

1. In Article 3(3), the entry

Lithuania	EUR 546200
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Is replaced by the entry

Lithuania	EUR 614200
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2. The entries in the Annex shall replace the corresponding entries in Annex IA.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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 Brussels,

For the Council
The President

ANNEX

Species:	Herring <i>Clupea harengus</i>	Zone: IIIbcd (EC waters), except Management Unit 3
Denmark	25 332	
Germany	76 820	
Finland	28 718	
Sweden	105 180	
EC	236 050	
Estonia	2000 ⁽¹⁾	
Latvia	1000 ⁽²⁾	
Lithuania	500 ⁽³⁾	
Poland	4000	
Russian Federation	2500	
TAC	405 000	

⁽¹⁾ To be counted against the Estonian share of the IBSFC TAC

⁽²⁾ To be counted against the Latvian share of the IBSFC TAC.

⁽³⁾ To be counted against the Lithuanian share of the IBSFC TAC.

Special conditions:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the zones specified:

	Estonian waters	Latvian waters	Lithuanian Management Unit waters	Management Unit 3
EC	2 000	1 000	500	
Sweden				8 000

Species:	Sprat <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	Zone: IIIbcd (EC waters)
Denmark	37 807	
Germany	23 097	
Finland	18 573	
Sweden	85 143	
EC	164 620 ⁽¹⁾	
Latvia	8000 ⁽²⁾	
Lithuania	4000 ⁽³⁾	
Poland	4000	
TAC	400 000	

⁽¹⁾ Of which 4000 tonnes are allocated in Lithuanian waters but shall be fished in Community waters

⁽²⁾ To be counted against the Latvian share of the IBSFC TAC.

⁽³⁾ To be counted against the Lithuanian share of the IBSFC TAC.

Special conditions:

Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the zones specified:

	Latvian waters	Lithuanian waters
EC	8 000	4 000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TITLE OF OPERATION

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2. BUDGET HEADING(S) INVOLVED

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3. LEGAL BASIS

Article 8 (4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92

4. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION

4.1 General objective

- Maintain and develop the traditional activity of Community fishermen;
- Supply the Community market.

4.2 Period covered and arrangements for renewal

1 January to 31 December 2000

5. CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE OR REVENUE

5.1 Compulsory expenditure

5.2 Differentiated appropriations

6. TYPE OF EXPENDITURE OR REVENUE

financial compensation paid for fishing possibilities granted by Lithuania

7. FINANCIAL IMPACT

68,000 €

7.1 Method of calculating total cost of operation (relation between individual and total costs)

The financial compensation provided for in Article 4 of the Agreement on Fisheries Relations between the European Community and the Republic of Lithuania has been negotiated on the basis of average landing prices for 1998 in Community ports in the Baltic Sea. A deduction has been made for estimated fleet exploitation costs.

	SPRAT
Additional quota obtained (in tonnes)	4,000
Average landing prices 1998 (€/tonne)	136
Market value (in €)	544,000
Negotiated prices (percentage)	12.5%
In €	68,000

Total financial compensation: 68,000 €

Average price €/tonne: 17

8. FRAUD PREVENTION MEASURES

The financial contribution granted by the Commission is utilised by Lithuania to develop their fisheries sector, in accordance with Article 4 of the Fisheries Agreement. The amount is administered by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania.

9. ELEMENTS OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS

9.1 Specific and quantified objectives; target population

The Community fleet in the Baltic Sea has been severely hit by reductions in catch possibilities. Any increase in fishing possibilities above current critical catch levels will contribute towards preventing the Community fleet, and connected industries and services ashore, from collapsing and disappearing. This will also avoid, to a certain extent, payments under lay-up schemes or social programmes.

The financial compensation, similar to that paid in previous years, is mainly used by Lithuania for the continued improvement of scientific research on fisheries, the training of fisheries managers, and control activities. This has entailed improved scientific assessment and enforcement in the fishery zone of Lithuania, and has thus contributed to a more rational exploitation of the stocks, to the benefit of all concerned in the Baltic Sea.

9.2 Grounds for the operation

The fisheries policy is exclusive Community competence. The financial compensation for fishing possibilities granted by third countries, negotiated in accordance with the provisions laid down in bilateral fisheries agreements, has consequently to be paid out of the Community budget.

The expenses proposed are foreseen in the budgetary planning for the period concerned.

9.3 Monitoring and evaluation of the operation

The Commission receives monthly statistics on catches and landings. The utilisation of the contracted fishing possibilities is therefore assessed on a regular basis.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE (SECTION III, PART A OF THE BUDGET)

The proposal does not require new Commission staff or entail additional administrative costs.