EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003

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PURPOSE : to extend for one year the Protocol to the Agreement between the EC and Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 1869/2003/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters for the period 3 December 2002 to 2 December 2003. CONTENT : The Agreement between the Community and Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters states that the parties must enter into negotiations before the end of the period of validity of the Protocol to the Agreement in order to determine the terms of the Protocol for the following period. Mauritius, however, was not able to begin the negotiations. Therefore, this Regulation extends the existing Protocol for a period of one year. The fishing opportunities are allocated among the Member States as follows: - tuna seiners: France 20, Spain 20, Italy 2, United Kingdom 1, - surface longliners: Spain 19, France 13, Portugal 8, - vessels fishing by line: France 25 grt per month, based on an annual average. If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 28/10/03.