Fisheries sector: arrangements regarding Community structural assistance (amend Regul. 3699/93/EEC))

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The Council adopted by a qualified majority - with the United Kingdom delegation voting against and the Swedish delegation abstaining - the Regulation providing for new socio--economic accompanying measures linked to the restructuring of the fisheries sector in order to assist older fishermen (financing of early retirement). The Regulation, which amends Regulation (EC) No 3699/93, enables Member States to call on the financial assistance of the FIFG for the following measures: - part-financing of national early retirement schemes for fishermen, provided that the age of the beneficiaries of the measure is not more than ten years from the legal retirement age or the beneficiaries are aged at least 55 and the beneficiaries can show that they have worked for at least 10 years as fishermen; - granting individual compensatory payments to fishermen on the basis of an eligible cost limited to ECU 7 000 per individual beneficiary, provided the vessel on which the beneficiaries of the measure were employed has been the object of measures permanently stopping its activities or permanently transferring it to a third country in the context of the creation of a joint enterprise. No one fisherman may accumulate the benefits of the above two measures.