Common fisheries policy: control system (amend. regul. 2847/93/EEC)

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A control system for the common fisheries policy has always been a major concern of Parliament. It was thus no surprise that the Committee, chaired by Carmen FRAGA ESTEVEZ (EPP, E), should approve the Commission proposal on this subject. Nevertheless, the report by Robin TEVERSON, adopted unanimously, proposes a number of improvements to the Commission text. The main changes relate to the need for checks throughout the supply chain right up to the final consumer, the right for EU inspectors to carry out inspections and not just observation missions, the need to establish common definitions of the tonnage and engine-power of fishing vessels in order to have comparable findings and a recommendation for similar penalties to be imposed throughout the EU for similar infringements of the rules.