Fishery products: additional costs due to remoteness of Azores, Madeira, Canary islands, French Guiana

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The Commission has incorporated in its amended proposal most of the amendments adopted by Parliament at its January 1998 session which aim to include the Island of Réunion in the list of regions benefiting from the compensation system for the most remote regions. More specifically, the amendments are concerned with: - extending the regulation to include the island of Réunion and defining the system applicable to this French department (payment of ECU 1000 per tonne for tuna and swordfish fished in Réunion for a maximum quantity of 1000 tonnes per year), - including a reference to the species originating from this island (tuna and swordfish), - prohibiting fishing for shrimp in Guyana at a depth of less than 30 metres, - introducing a new provision making it possible to adjust the amounts set for the various species in the light of their marketing conditions and characteristics, - adjusting the quantities of fresh and frozen tuna and frozen and processed sardines and mackerel from the Canary Islands. The Commission did not, however, accept the amendments concerned with: - the technical arrangements applying to the species in question, - the provisions on the amount of aid (the relevant amendments are in the financial statement annexed to the proposal), - the report to be submitted to the European Institutions concerning the financial aspects of the regulation.