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

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal serves to adjust Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy, adopted in 1993, to take account of the lessons learned from its application since then. SUBSTANCE: a recent communication from the Commission to the Council (see COS0685) stated that although considerable progress had been made in the field of fisheries monitoring, further advances should and could be made in the short term. The proposed amendments are intended to increase transparency and cooperation between Member States and with the Commission, to ensure fairer and more effective monitoring in the context of relations with third countries, and to exploit more fully the opportunities afforded by cross-checking different sources of information, particularly by introducing more checks after landing. In addition to these major aspects to be improved, other provisions are intended to rectify a specific shortcoming which has been at the root of problems that have cropped up in recent years which are sufficiently serious to warrant changes to the legislation. Generally speaking, the proposed amendments attempt to keep the costs incurred, for both the industry and the authorities, to the strict minimum needed to ensure real and substantial improvements in the monitoring of fishing activities.