Common Fisheries Policy: behaviours seriously infringing the rules

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PURPOSE: to establish a list of types of behaviour which seriously infringe the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy. CONTENT: Council regulation 2847/93/EEC establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy, as last amended by regulation 2846/98/EC, provides for a list to be drawn up of the types of behaviour which seriously infringe the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy and for the Commission to be provided with the relevant information with a view to ensuring greater transparency regarding action taken in respect of such behaviour. The main compliance failures set out in the list are as follows: - obstructing Commission and national fisheries inspectors and observers in their duties; - falsifying or destroying evidence which could be used in enquiries or judicial proceedings; - fishing without a licence or under a falsified licence; - falsifying, deleting or concealing the name, registration or markings of a fishing vessel - using prohibited fishing gear or fishing methods; - unauthorised fishing in a given zone and/or during a specific period; - failure to comply with the rules on holding or preserving fishery products on board a vessel; - failure to comply with the rules and procedures on transhipment and fishing operations involving joint action by two or more vessels; - tampering with the satellite-tracking system for determining the position of fishing vessels; - deliberate failure to comply with the rules on remote transmission of the movements of fishing vessels and the data on fishery products held on board; - failure by the master of a fishing vessel of a third country or his representative to comply with the rules on the procedure for landing or transhipping catches; - landing, putting on sale and transporting fishery products which do not meet the marketing standards in force and those relating to minimum sizes.