Indemnity to fishermen having to suspend their fishing activities in waters under the sovereignty of Morocco

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OBJECTIVE: to grant an indemnity to Portuguese and Spanish fishermen who have had to suspend their fishing activities in waters under the sovereignty of Morocco, following the expiry of the EC-Morocco fisheries agreement on 30 April 1995. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 95/452/EC on a specific measure for the grant of an indemnity to fishermen from certain Member States of the Community who have had to suspend their fishing activities in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Morocco . SUBSTANCE: since the expiry of the EC-Morocco fisheries agreement, 700 Spanish and Portuguese fishing vessels have been unable to carry out their fishing activities in Community waters or elsewhere. The Commission is thus proposing in this decision to minimise the impact of this suspension of activities by granting an indemnity to the fishermen directly affected by the suspension. This indemnity will be granted from 1 May 1995 until the date on which fishing activities are resumed under the new EC-Morocco fisheries agreement and by 31 December 1995 at the latest. . Total premium: the premiums allocated by the Member States to fishermen may not exceed: - ECU 454/man per month between 1 May 1995 and 31 August 1995 and - ECU 620/man per month between 1 September 1995 and 31 December 1995. The Community shall contribute a maximum of 75% of the actual payments made. . Beneficiaries: the indemnity shall only be granted to fishermen working on vessels which had to suspend all fishing activities due to the fact that the fisheries agreement between the Community and Morocco was not renewed. It is estimated that a maximum of 7 402 fishermen shall benefit from the stand-by allowance: 6 285 in Spain and 1 117 in Portugal. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26 October 1995.