Conservation of fishery resources: the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1866/86)

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- OBJECTIVE: to amend for the fifth time Regulation (EEC) No 1866/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound in order to take account of the recommendations of the Baltic Commission (sittings of 12 - 16.09.1994), which the Community is obliged to respect. - SUBSTANCE: In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on fishing and the conservation of living resources in the Baltic Sea, namely the Gdansk Convention to which the Community is party, the European Community is required to incorporate into its own legislation the measures provided by the Baltic Commission which were adopted at its 19th and 20th sittings. The measures proposed relate primarily to: . the ban on fishing for cod in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound from 01.06.1995 to 31.08.1995, . the strict application of the ban which forbids vessels from carrying on board fishing tackle other than that of an authorized mesh size when fishing for cod, . adjustments for fixed mesh sizes when fishing for cod and flat-fish, . technical arrangements relating to the selectivity of fishing tackle, . the introduction of certain restrictions to the percentage of incidental catches of this type - the aim being to ensure that current opportunities for cod fishing are put to better use. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: the recommendations which were agreed at the sittings of the Baltic Commission are to become compulsory from 01.01.1995; however, a period of adjustment is to be provided up to 01.06.1995 for certain recommendations relating to mesh sizes. The regulation is to enter into force on 04.10.95.