Observer scheme applicable to Community fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)

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-OBJECTIVE: introducing additional control measures applicable to fishing vessels operating in the NAFO Regulatory Area, and specifically covering the NAFO observer scheme, following the conclusion of an EC-Canada fishing agreement, signed on 20 April 1995. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 3069/95 establishing a European Community observer scheme applicable to Community fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). - SUBSTANCE: This regulation introduces a new observer scheme in respect of Community vessels operating in the NAFO Regulatory Area and provides as follows: . no Community fishing vessels operating in this area may engage in fishing activities unless they receive a Community observer duly appointed under the responsibility of the Commission (the detailed rules governing the assignment of the observers, their duties and the obligations of the Masters of the vessels are laid down in Annex I) to monitor the fishing activities of Community vessels; . in the event that the observer reports fishing practices at variance with conservation measures, the competent authorities of the Member States will take all appropriate action to investigate the matter in order to prevent such practices; . the Commission pays the costs arising from the observer scheme in accordance with the rules in Annex II (Community observers are provided by private agencies which enter into a contract with the Commission specifying the cost per day of the observers, the procedures for the payments of cost and any relevant arrangements). . Council Regulation (EEC) No 3928/92 is repealed and replaced by this regulation. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: 6 January 1996.