Conservation and management of fishery resources: eligibility of expenditure by the Member States (amend. Regululation (EEC) No 2847/93)

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In adopting the report by Mr D. SOUCHET (EDN, F), Parliament stressed the importance of the proposed measures, which cost relatively little when set against the economic and ecological benefits which might be expected from them. This implies making all operators in the fishery sector more responsible and establishing better coordination with the administrations of the Member States which are responsible for carrying out the inspections. Parliament took the view that the programme of controls should be based on an analysis of the risks in those sectors which are most likely to suffer from fraudulent activities and that Member States should carry out checks in all maritime waters on the activities of Community vessels as well as on those of non-member countries. Parliament also made a number of technical amendments which related essentially to: - the level of Community financial contribution: ECU 200 m between 1996 and the year 2000, instead of the ECU 41 m initially earmarked by the Commission, - the dates for submitting applications for Community aid: the date set for the first submission is to be 15.11.1995 instead of 30.09.1995, - the amount of Community aid being advanced: 50% of eligible expenditure, instead of the 35% initially provided for, while for applications which have been properly justified the applicant country may ask for a Community contribution of up to 50% instead of the 25% initially provided for, - Parliament added that any sum which had been improperly obtained must be refunded to the Commission (with interest payable on late returns).