Fishing activities in the Antarctic: conservation and control measures

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OBJECTIVE: to integrate the new conservation and control measures applicable to Community vessels fishing in the Antarctic following the decisions taken by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the Community has been a member since 1982. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 66/98 laying down certain conservation and control measures applicable to fishing activities in the Antarctic and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2113 /96. CONTENT: the Regulation repeals and replaces Regulation (EC) No 2113/96 laying down certain conservation and control measures applicable to fishing activities in the Antarctic (cf. "fiche de procédure" CNS95252). It seeks to take account of a number of decisions taken in November 1996 by the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the Community has been a member since 1982, and to apply these measures to Community vessels fishing in the zone under CCAMLR management. It applies in particular to Community fishing vessels which catch fish from marine living resources in the zone south of latitude 60 degrees south and the zone between this latitude and the Antarctic convergence and preserve them on board. The measures mainly involve the fixing of TACs (total admissible catches) for certain species of fish defined in the regulation and for crab. They also cover the prohibition on directed fisheries for certain stocks, the catch reporting systems and other technical measures. Given that these measures are now compulsory for the members of the CCAMLR, the Community is required to transpose them into Community law as quickly as possible once they have been adopted for Community vessels. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17 January 1998.