Common fisheries policy: control system (amend. regul. 2847/93/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to adjust the Regulation establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy, adopted in 1993, to take account of the lessons learned from its application since then. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) no. 2846/98 amending Regulation (EEC) no. 2847 /93, establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy. CONTENTS: the changes seek to adjust the control system in the light of developments in fisheries practices and in the transportation and marketing of fisheries products. The main measures seek to: - simplify the obligation to record species retained on board; - intensify inspections of fisheries products after landing; - make transshipment operations subject to prior authoristion by the Member States and certain conditions relating to the observance of the inspection procedures defined; - provide the Commission with remote access to the relevant files in the databases kept by the Member States in order to facilitate monitoring; - extend monitoring, inspection and surveillance measures applicable to fishing vessels flying the flag of a third country which carry out fishing activities inside the Community fishing zone; - provide for observation procedures allowing Community inspectors to verify implementation of the Regulation; - implement a general framework allowing all the authorities concerned to request mutual assistance and exchanges of information; - provide for the adoption of follow-up action in the case of serious, unforeseen infringements.