Fishing resources, conservation of Atlantic Tunas ICCAT 1997: transhipments and vessel observation

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PURPOSE : to establish new control measures for fishing in the sea to ensure compliance with the measures which were recently adopted by the ICCAT and to discourage illegal fishing. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 1351/1999/EC laying down certain control measures to ensure compliance with the measures adopted by ICCAT. CONTENT : the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT), to which the Community is a party, has as its objective to ensure the conservation and the management of resources of tuna and tuna-like fish in the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas, and the adoption of recommendations on conservation and management in the Convention area that become binding on contracting parties. There is an ICCAT recommendation from 1997 on trans-shipments and vessel observation that seeks to discourage the exercise of illegal fishing and this became obligatory for the parties on 13.06.1998. The Community must apply this recommendation through this Regulation, which provides that Community fishing vessels: - limit the trans-shipments at sea from ships flying the flag of contracting party of the ICCAT or parties said to be "cooperating" (which are non-contracting but who observe certain ICCAT recommendations), - make provision with regard to the exchange of information on the activities of vessels likely to jeopardise the efficiency of conservation and management measures adopted by the ICCAT. The Regulation also seeks to encourage the non-contracting parties of the ICCAT to accede to the status of 'cooperating parties' by accepting to agree to respecting the measures adopted by this Regulation so as not to jeopardise the effects of the measures already taken. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 03.07.1999.