

Common Fisheries Policy: behaviours seriously infringing the rules

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PURPOSE : to establish a list of types of behaviour which seriously infringe the rules of the common fisheries policy and to improve the transparency of the common fisheries policy. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Regulation 1447/1999/EC. **CONTENT** : in applying Regulation 2847/93/EEC which establishes a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy, the Regulation establishes a list of behaviours which seriously infringe the rules of the common fisheries policy. The main problems encountered relate to : - cooperation with the authorities responsible for monitoring (for example: obstructing the work of the fisheries inspectors in the exercise of their duties, falsification, concealing, destroying or tampering with evidence which could be used in the course of inquiries or judicial proceedings); - cooperation with observers (for example: obstructing the work of observers); - the necessary conditions to be met when fishing (for example: fishing without holding a fishing licence or with a falsified document); - the exercise of fishing operations (for example: using or keeping on board prohibited fishing gear or devices affecting the selectiveness of gear, using prohibited fishing methods, unauthorised fishing in a given zone and/ or during a specific period, non-compliance to the rules on minimum sizes, and non-compliance with the rules and procedures relating to the trans-shipment and fisheries operations involving joint action by two or more vessels); - resources of monitoring (for example: tampering with the satellite-based vessel monitoring system, falsifying or failing to record data in logbooks, failure to comply with Community rules on remote transmission of movements of fishing vessels and the data of fishery products held on board); - compliance in connection with landing and marketing of fishery products (for example: no respect for Community rules on control and enforcement, and stocking, processing, placing for sale and transporting fishery products not meeting the marketing standards in force and, in particular, those concerning minimum sizes. In order to improve the transparency of the common fishery policy, the Member States must supply the Commission, at regular intervals, with information on cases of behaviours of this nature, as well as on the measures taken in this regard by the Member States. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 09/07/1999.