Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes: extension until 2006

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PURPOSE : to renew for one year Decision 2004/465/EC on a Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2006/2/EC amending Decision 2004/465/EC on a Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes

CONTENT : Decision 2004/465/EC expired on 31/12/2005 and the new financial framework for fisheries (covering the period 2007 – 2013) will not come into force until 2007. Hence the financial scheme adopted under Decision 2004/465/EC needed to be extended for one year so that Community support on expenditure planned by Member States on fisheries control continued to be available until the new financial scheme is in force, and in order to encourage investments by Member States in this area, taking also into account the needs of the Community Fisheries Control Agency.

This Decision is in substance a renewal for one year of Decision 2004/465/EC. Priorities and actions suitable for Community financial support remain unchanged, and periods given to Member States to report on progress made have been modified in consequence. Two new actions suitable for Community financial support have however been added in view of the need to further increase the level of technical assistance to the Commission's services: studies on fisheries control as well as arrangements designed to facilitate the implementation of new technologies on control.

Due to domestic budgetary and administrative difficulties, Member States which acceded to the Community on 1 May 2004 obtained very limited Community financial assistance under the financial scheme foreseen under Decision 2004/465/EC. Accordingly, this Decision pays particular attention to the needs of those Member States that joined the EU in 2004.

The amount scheduled for 2006 is EUR 35 million. The Decision provides that the financial reference amount for the implementation of the actions for which financial assistance is provided for the period 2004 to 2006 shall be EUR 105 million.

DATE OF APPLICATION : from 1 January 2006.