Basic information

1997/0059(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean: accession of the Community See also 2014/0274(NLE) **Subject** 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources **Geographical area** Mediterranean Sea area	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	ROUBATIS Yiannis (PSE)	20/03/1997

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2106	1998-06-16

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/02/1997	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0067	Summary
23/06/1997	Vote in committee		
23/06/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0176/1998	
03/03/1998	Legislative proposal published	05957/1998	Summary
29/04/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/06/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/06/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/07/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/0059(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)

Procedure subtype	International agreement
Amendments and repeals	See also 2014/0274(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a2 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/10017

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0176/1998 OJ C 195 22.06.1998, p. 0003	23/06/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0311/1998 OJ C 195 22.06.1998, p. 0011-0019	28/05/1998	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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European Commission

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Initial legislative proposal	COM(1997)0067 OJ C 124 21.04.1997, p. 0061	26/02/1997	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1998/0416
OJ L 190 04.07.1998, p. 0034 Summary

General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean: accession of the Community

1997/0059(AVC) - 03/03/1998 - Legislative proposal

In a Council document on accession by the Community to the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (CGPM), the Council confirms in a single declaration annexed to the agreement the division of responsibilities between the Community and its Member States with regard to items on the agenda of the CGPM: -sole competence reserved for the Community: management and conservation of live marine resources, -Member States competent: legal, budgetary and procedural issues on the agenda (organizational matters), -joint competence: statistics and aquaculture, research and development aid, consideration of reports and cooperation with other organizations.

General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean: accession of the Community

1997/0059(AVC) - 16/06/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to enable the European Community to join the General Fisheries Committee for the Mediterranean (GFCM). COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision on the accession of the European Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean. SUBSTANCE: The decision enables the European Community to join the General Fisheries Committee for the Mediterranean (GFCM). The GFCM is a subsidiary organisation to the FAO (United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation), established by an international agreement concluded in Rome on 24 September 1949, which aims to manage and conserve the living resources of the Mediterranean sea. To this end, it monitors the state of resources and the state of the fisheries they supply and makes recommendations for the conservation of living marine resources. The GFCM also keeps under review the economic and social aspects of the fishing industry and encourages training, research and development with regard to fisheries. Membership of this commission is necessary as it allows the EU to contribute to conservation of living marine resources in the area covered by the GFCM agreement in which Community fishermen operate. With regard to procedure, accession to the GFCM entails a strict sharing of competences. As some Member States are already members of the GFCM, a single declaration annexed to the text of the decision specifies how competences are to be shared between the Community and the Member States. Thus, the Community has exclusive competence with regard to the conservation and management of living marine resources, while the Member States have competence with regard to organisational matters (legal, budgetary and procedural issues) raised within the GFCM. Competence is shared in several areas (statistics, aquaculture, research and development aid and cooperation with other organisations) for which voting rights are held by the Member States or the Community according to subject. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 16.06.1998.

General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean: accession of the Community

1997/0059(AVC) - 28/05/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Yannis ROUBATIS (PSE, GR) Parliament gave its assent to the accession of the European Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.

General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean: accession of the Community

1997/0059(AVC) - 26/02/1997 - Initial legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to allow the European Community to accede to the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM). SUBSTANCE: as a result of this proposal the European Community would accede to the GFCM where up to now it has had observer status. This accession forms one of the measures taken by the Community to establish a fisheries policy in the Mediterranean (as the common fisheries policy does not contain provisions on the Mediterranean as regards conservation and management of fishery resources). The GFCM is a subsidiary body of the FAO, set up by an international agreement concluded in Rome on 24 September 1949. Its objective is to ensure the management and conservation of living marine resources in the Mediterranean. To this end it keeps under review the state of resources and the state of the fisheries based thereon and it formulates recommendations for the conservation of living marine resources. The GFCM also keeps under review the economic and social aspects of the fishing industry and encourages training, research and development in all aspects of fisheries. At present four Member States have acceded individually to the GFCM (Italy, Greece, Spain and France). The current proposal for accession is not opposed to these countries remaining within this organization alongside the Community, provided that the latter's competence was respected. A joint declaration annexed to the text of the proposal gives details of this sharing of competences and states that this situation will not be a precedent for the accession of the Community to other fisheries organizations and does not justify reviewing the situation with regard to organizations in which the Community alone participates. By virtue of this declaration the Community has exclusive competence for items dealing with the conservation and management of living marine resources while the four Member States concerned have competence for legal, budgetary and procedural issues raised within the GFCM. There are several areas (statistics, aquaculture, research and development aid) where there is shared competence and voting rights lie with the Member States or the Community depending on the subject concerned.