

## Basic information

**1997/0353(CNS)**

CNS - Consultation procedure  
Regulation

Herring: conditions of landing for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption

Repealed by [2013/0436\(COD\)](#)

Amended by [2005/0014\(CNS\)](#)

Amended by [2012/0158\(COD\)](#)

### Subject

3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products

Procedure completed

## Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">PECH</span> Fisheries	LANGENHAGEN Brigitte (PPE)	21/01/1998

  

Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	General Affairs	2111	1998-06-29
	Fisheries	2077	1998-03-24

## Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/12/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0694 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
29/01/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/03/1998	Debate in Council		
14/04/1998	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
14/04/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0142/1998</a>	
18/06/1998	Debate in Parliament		
29/06/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/06/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/07/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

## Technical information

<b>Procedure reference</b>	1997/0353(CNS)
<b>Procedure type</b>	CNS - Consultation procedure
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Regulation
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	Repealed by <a href="#">2013/0436(COD)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2005/0014(CNS)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2012/0158(COD)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	PECH/4/09719

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0142/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 152 18.05.1998, p. 0005</a>	14/04/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T4-0383/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 210 06.07.1998, p. 0280-0288</a>	19/06/1998	<a href="#">Summary</a>
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1997)0694</a>  <a href="#">OJ C 025 24.01.1998, p. 0019</a>	12/12/1997	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 1998/1434</a> <a href="#">OJ L 191 07.07.1998, p. 0010</a> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Summary</a></span>

## Herring: conditions of landing for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption

Adopting the report by Mrs Brigitte LANGENHAGEN (PPE, D), the European Parliament takes the view that industrial fisheries are acceptable provided that they are properly monitored. Under Regulation (EEC) No 2115/77, direct fishing for herring for industrial purposes other than human consumption was prohibited within all the maritime waters under the sovereignty of the then Member States. The reason for this regulation was the reduction in the Atlantic herring spawning stock. Before the accession of Finland and Sweden, it was agreed that the two countries would be granted an exemption whereby they were allowed to continue fishing in the Baltic for herring for use as animal fodder for three years. Since Baltic herring stocks are now healthier, the new rules would allow for industrial fishing for herring in the Baltic but would maintain the ban elsewhere. The main change would open up the possibility of landings of herrings for industrial purposes by Denmark and Germany. In order to avoid disrupting stocks of young cod, the Commission proposes that landings of herring for purposes other than human consumption should not be permitted in subdivision 24 (which is a nursery ground for juvenile cod). However, Parliament proposes an exemption authorizing herring catches provided that the herring are landed unsorted with sprats and/or other species. In this case, Parliament specifies that the herring must not comprise more than 10% of such landings and also calls for an extension to the zones in subdivision 25 situated to the west of 16 degrees east of the protection measures applicable in subdivision 24. Parliament calls for the regulation to apply from 1 January 1999 and for the Council to decide, on a proposal from the Commission and after prior consultation with the European Parliament, on modifications to the regulation before 1 January 2003.

## **Herring: conditions of landing for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption**

1997/0353(CNS) - 29/06/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: To specify the conditions under which herring may be landed for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) 1434/98. SUBSTANCE: Stocks of herring in the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound are currently not threatened and an improved economical utilisation of these stocks allows them to be fished for purposes other than direct human consumption. There is therefore no reason to restrict the industrial purpose for which landings from these stocks are made. However, as industrial fishing for herring in the Baltic Sea may induce significant by-catches of young cod, such fishing should not be permitted in areas where young cod are abundant. There is no change to the fishing practices for other herring stocks in the north-east Atlantic. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 14/07/1998. The regulation applies from 01/01/1999.

## **Herring: conditions of landing for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption**

1997/0353(CNS) - 12/12/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a regulation aims to specify the conditions under which herring may be landed for industrial purposes other than human consumption. SUBSTANCE: by regulation 2115/77/EEC, it is prohibited for fishing vessels of Member States to land herring, irrespective of their geographic origin, for the purpose of reduction to fish meal and oil (industrial fishing). Finland and Sweden are exempt from the conditions of this regulation until the end of 1997. Since 1995 a derogation has been maintained in the annual TAC and quota regulations permitting landings for industrial purposes of herring taken in the Baltic Sea. The Commission proposal indicates that, from 1 January 1988, industrial fishing for herring should be permitted in the Baltic Sea but should be prohibited elsewhere. The proposal annuls Regulation 2115/77/EEC and replaces it by reference to conditions which already exist in Regulations 894/97/EC (technical measures outside the Baltic Sea) and 1866/86/EEC (technical measures within the Baltic Sea) and the annual TAC and quota regulation (Regulation 390/97/EC).