Basic information

2001/0163(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
EC/Morocco fisheries agreement: conversion of vessels and fishermen following the non-renewal of the agreement Repealed by 2009/0024(CNS) Amended by 2003/0157(CNS) **Subject** 3.15.15.04 Fisheries agreements with Maghreb and Mediterranean countries **Geographical area** Morocco	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa (PSE)	02/10/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	PITTELLA Gianni (PSE)	13/09/2001
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Fisheries	2400	2001-12-17
Fisheries	2390	2001-11-27

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

18/07/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0384	Summary
19/09/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/11/2001	Vote in committee		
12/11/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0395/2001	
14/11/2001	Debate in Parliament		
15/11/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0607/2001	Summary
17/12/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0163(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Repealed by 2009/0024(CNS) Amended by 2003/0157(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 Rules of Procedure EP 170
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/14989

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0395/2001	12/11/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0607/2001 OJ C 140 13.06.2002, p. 0381-0537 E	15/11/2001	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2001)0384 OJ C 270 25.09.2001, p. 0266 E	18/07/2001	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1316/2001 OJ C 036 08.02.2002, p. 0044	18/10/2001	

Additional information		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 2001/2561 OJ L 344 28.12.2001, p. 0017	Summary

EC/Morocco fisheries agreement: conversion of vessels and fishermen following the non-renewal of the agreement

2001/0163(CNS) - 15/11/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Rosa MIGUELEZ RAMOS (PES, E) subject to a certain number of non-binding amendments. It wants aid to be granted not only to vessel owners and fishermen but also to regions and companies affected by the failure to reach a new agreement. For example, supply companies which can prove that they have lost at least 70% of their turn-over as a consequence of the inactivity of the fleet formerly active in Moroccan water may also benefit from these measures. In addition, Parliament wants aid to be available regardless of the age of the ship, therefore the paragraph specifying the age of the vessels has been deleted. It is proposed that the amount of the Community participation allocation to this action shall be determined by the budgetary authority and not set within the framework of the budgetary procedure of the year 2002 as proposed by the Commission. Lastly, the Parliament has proposed a slight change in the percentages in the allocation of aid by category of measures.

EC/Morocco fisheries agreement: conversion of vessels and fishermen following the non-renewal of the agreement

2001/0163(CNS) - 18/07/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: To promote the conversion of fishing vessels and the reintegration of fishermen into the Community following the cessation of the Moroccan/EU fishing agreement. CONTENT: Up until 30 November 1999, more than 400 ships and around 4300 fishermen were dependant on fishing in Moroccan waters. All that changed when an EU fishing agreement with Morocco became null and void. Since then the European Union has been making efforts to integrate those fishermen effected by the cancellation of the agreement back into the economic community. This has largely been achieved through the FIFG financial instrument. FIFG funding for these fishermen is set to run until 31 December 2001. In addition to FIFG funding those regions worst hit by the nullification of the fishing treaty are benefitting from Objective 1 financing under the Structural Funds. For the period 2000-2006, Andalusia is set to benefit from around EUR 38 million, Galicia from EUR 19 million and the Canary Islands EUR 15 million. This proposal specifically examines ways in which to make fishing vessels designed for fishing in Moroccan waters obsolete as well as ways of helping fishermen to establish fresh employment opportunities. In terms of facilitating the permanent cessation of fishing vessels, the proposal suggests a number of options. One would be the simple demolition of the vessels in question, a further option would be the transfer to a third country of the vessels or alternatively that they be transferred to other fishing activities. The proposed Council Regulation suggest that specific action should cover 70% of conversion plans and should be implemented within the context of existing structural funds. The Commission is of the opinion that a minimum of 40% of the amount must be used for scrapping vessels and to change their purpose into non-fishing activities. Not more than 28% should be used for the export of vessels, joint ventures and the modernisation vessels and lastly 32% of the funding should be used for socio-economic activities. The Commission hopes that this funding will complement and be compatible with existing FIFG funding. Requests for payment must be made by 30 June 2004 at the latest.

EC/Morocco fisheries agreement: conversion of vessels and fishermen following the non-renewal of the agreement

2001/0163(CNS) - 17/12/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to promote the conversion of fishing vessels and of fishermen that were, up to 1999, dependent on the fishing agreement with Morocco. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 2561/2001/EC aiming to promote the conversion of fishing vessels and of fishermen that were, up to 1999, dependent on the fishing agreement with Morocco. CONTENT : to recall, the Agreement on the relations as regards sea fishing between the European Community and the Kingdom of Morocco became null and void on 30 November 1999. Consequently, a significant number of Community vessels that operated within this framework were forced to stop their fishing activities at that date. The fishermen and the vessel owners to whom, during 2000 and 2001, compensation was granted under Article 16(1)(b) of Regulation 2792/1999/EC, owing to the non-renewal of the fishing agreement with Morocco, for at least a six month cumulative period of temporary cessation of activity, can benefit from exceptional supporting measures, under conditions and within the limits envisaged by this Regulation. At the latest three months after the entry into force of this Regulation, Member States shall communicate to the Commission a list of vessels, indicating their internal numbers, as well as the list of the names of the fishermen meeting the conditions of the Regulation. By derogation from the provisions referred to in 2792/1999/EC, public aid to the owners of the vessels and fishermen shall be granted according to the following rules: - where public aid is granted for the demolition of a vessel; - where a premium is granted for the permanent transfer of a vessel to a third country, including in the case of a joint enterprise; - in the event of a permanent conversion of a vessel to another fishing activity requiring the change of fishing technique, the replacement of the fishing gear may be the subject of public aid as a modernisation of the vessel; - in the case where an individual lump sum payment to a fisherman, the maximum eligible cost shall be increased by 20%. The amount of the Community participation allocated to this action shall be EUR 197 million, distributed according to the following percentages: - Spain: 94,6% - Portugal: 5,4%. The Payment of the Community participation shall be carried out by the Commission in accordance with the budgetary commitments and shall be addressed to the payment authority. As from 1 January 2002, the Commission shall carry out the commitment of the appropriations entered into 2002 budget, at the latest three months after the adoption of this Regulation. The commitment of the appropriations entered into the 2003 budget shall be in principle undertaken before 30 April 2003. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 31.12.2001. It shall apply from 01.07.2001.