Basic information

2003/0227(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16th June 2001 to 15th June 2006 **Subject** 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries **Geographical area** Guinea-Bissau	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	STEVENSON Struan (PPE-DE)	25/11/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara (PSE)	04/11/2003
DEVE Development and Cooperation	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2578	2004-04-26

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/10/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0593	Summary
05/11/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

16/03/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
16/03/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0163/2004	
01/04/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0253/2004	Summary
26/04/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/04/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/0227(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/20203

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0163/2004	16/03/2004	
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European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 2004/0829
OJ L 127 29.04.2004, p. 0025-0026

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16th June 2001 to 15th June 2006

2003/0227(CNS) - 01/04/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Struan STEVENSON (EPP-ED, UK), approving the non-binding resolution on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006 and Council Decision of 26 February 2001 setting the terms for financial support to Guinea-Bissau in the fisheries sector. This text was subject to a few amendments (please refer to the summary dated 16/03/2004).

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16th June 2001 to 15th June 2006

2003/0227(CNS) - 26/04/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude a fishing agreement between the EEC and Guinea-Bissau. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 829/2004/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of amendments to the Protocol establishing the fishing opportunities and the compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006, and in Decision 2001/179/EC setting the terms for financial support to Guinea-Bissau in the fisheries sector. CONTENT : This Regulation approves the above-mentioned Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, The fishing opportunities provided for in the Fisheries Agreement will be allocated among the Member States as follows: shrimp: - Italy 1 776 GRT, - Spain 1 421 GRT, - Portugal 1 066 GRT, - Greece 137 GRT; fin-fish/cephalopods: - Spain 3 143 GRT, - Italy 786 GRT, - Greece 471 GRT; tuna seiners: - Spain 20 vessels, - France 19 vessels, - Italy 1 vessel; surface longliners and pole-and-line vessels: - Spain 21 vessels, - France 5 vessels, - Portugal 4 vessels. If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. The Member States whose vessels are fishing under the Fisheries Agreement are obliged to notify the Commission of the quantities of each stock taken in Guinea-Bissau's fishing zone in accordance with the arrangements laid down in Commission Regulation 500/2001/EC. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 30/04/04.

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16th June 2001 to 15th June 2006

2003/0227(CNS) - 10/10/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present a proposal on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of amendments to the Protocol establishing the fishing opportunities and the compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006, and Council Decision of 26 February 2001 setting the terms for financial support to Guinea-Bissau in the fisheries sector PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation. CONTENT : the Protocol attached to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau covers the period from 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006. The two Parties met in Bissau on 19 and 20 May 2003, within the Joint Committee provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement between Guinea-Bissau and the European Community, to analyse all aspects of the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol on fisheries and the ad hoc Council Decision of 26 February 2001. They noted the difficulties encountered with the utilisation of fishing rights, in particular the low utilisation of licences in the shrimp trawler segment. The two Parties agreed to amend some of the technical characteristics of the Protocol and, with the priority on the protection and good management of Guinea-Bissau's fisheries resources, agreed that they should, by way of precaution, reduce fishing effort in certain fisheries in the final two years covered by the Protocol (16 June 2004 - 15 June 2006) in accordance with the guidelines set out in the interim reports following scientific monitoring campaigns. The two delegations also agreed on the principle of reprogramming specific support measures for the fisheries sector and of devising a programming method and allocating financial resources to this end (financing a scientific programme to improve information on fisheries resources and monitoring of the evolution of resources; support for improved health and hygiene conditions in the fisheries sector; institutional support for the Ministry of Fisheries; support for investments in the small-scale fishing sector; fisheries monitoring and control). In addition, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau also agreed to review all agreements (bilateral and/or private agreements) currently in force with a view to reducing fishing effort in segments which are over-exploited, guaranteeing compliance with commitments to promote responsible fishing, reviewing fisheries agreements, putting a freeze on new bilateral and private agreements, and strengthening fisheries monitoring policy so as to ensure the rational management of fisheries resources. The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council adopt by Regulation the exchange of letters with the amendments to the Protocol and to the Council Decision of 26 February 2001. The Commission provides specifically for: - from 16 June 2004, until the expiry of the Protocol, the fishing opportunities granted pursuant to the Agreement shall be as follows: a) freezer shrimp trawlers: 4 400 gross registered tonnes (GRT); b) freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 4 400 grossregistered tonnes (GRT); c) freezer tuna seiners: 40 vessels; d) pole-and-line tuna vessels and surface longliners: 30 vessels. - the two Parties have agreed to allow exchanges of fishing rights between the first two categories (freezer shrimp trawlers and freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers) in the period 16 June 2003 to 15 June 2004, this flexibility being needed to ensure that the Protocol on fisheries is more efficiently used; - from 16 June 2004, the compensation provided for in the Agreement shall be EUR 7 260 000 per year; - the support

measures in the fisheries sector shall be financed from financial resources available under the Council Decision of 26 February 2001 (EUR 3 250 000); - reducing fishing effort in segments which are over-exploited, particularly shrimp fishing. The fishing opportunities provided for in the Agreement shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: a) shrimp: Italy 1 776 GRT; Spain 1421 GRT; Portugal 1 066 GRT; Greece 137 GRT. b) fin-fish /cephalopods: Spain 3 143 GRT; Italy 786 GRT; Greece 471 GRT. c) tuna seiners: Spain 20 vessels; France 19 vessels; Italy 1 vessel. If the licence applications from the Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : - Budget line concerned : B78000 + B7800A: "International Fisheries Agreements"; - Overall multiannual estimate of expenditure: EUR 19.95 million; - Period of application: 2004 - 2006; - Impact on staff and administrative expenditure : 9 permanent and 2 temporary amounts to an expense of EUR 1 070 372 per year and EUR 19 480 per year for the other administrative expenditure deriving from the action (mission, meetings, etc).