## Basic information

| | |
|---|---|
| **2003/0237(CNS)**<br><br>CNS - Consultation procedure<br>Regulation | Procedure completed |
| Fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO): observers<br><br>Amending Regulation (EC) No 3069/95 1995/0152(CNS)<br><br>**Subject**<br><br>3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas<br><br>**Geographical area**<br><br>Atlantic Ocean area | |

## Key players

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| European Parliament | **Committee responsible** | **Rapporteur** | **Appointed** |
| | PECH Fisheries | BUSK Niels (ELDR) | 25/11/2003 |
| Council of the European Union | **Council configuration** | **Meetings** | **Date** |
| | Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2579 | 2004-04-29 |
| European Commission | **Commission DG** | **Commissioner** | |
| | Maritime Affairs and Fisheries | | |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17/10/2003 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2003)0611 | 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 | A5-0165/2004 | |
| 01/04/2004 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0256/2004 | Summary |
| 29/04/2004 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 29/04/2004 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 30/04/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
|---|---|
| **Procedure reference** | 2003/0237(CNS) |
| **Procedure type** | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Regulation |
| **Amendments and repeals** | Amending Regulation (EC) No 3069/95 1995/0152(CNS) |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | PECH/5/20236 |

**Documentation gateway**

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0165/2004 | 16/03/2004 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T5-0256/2004<br>OJ C 103 29.04.2004, p. 0679-0775 E | 01/04/2004 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legislative proposal | COM(2003)0611 | 17/10/2003 | Summary |

**Additional information**

| Source | Document | Date |
|---|---|---|
| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

**Final act**

Regulation 2004/0855
OJ L 206 09.06.2004, p. 0001-0002 Summary

# Fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO): observers

2003/0237(CNS) - 17/10/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 3069/95/EC so that Member States implement the NAFO Programme for observers. PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation. CONTENT : In 1995, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) established a Pilot Project for Observers and satellite Tracking. This project provided for observers to be placed on all vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of NAFO. The pilot project was subsequently replaced by a Programme The Commission undertook in 1995 to ensure the application of the Program for observers and satellite tracking to Community fishing vessels and to bear the ensuing costs for observers. This was spelt out in council Regulation 3069/95/EC, by way of which the observer component of the program was implemented at Community level. In 2002, the Council adopted Regulation 2371/2002/EC, which constitutes the framework for the Common Fisheries Policy from 1 January 2003. Since the adoption of the Regulation, it is for Member States to control the activities carried out by vessels flying their flag outside Community waters, including being responsible for placing observers on these vessels. Therefore, there is no longer any justification for the Commission to bear the administrative and financial burdens entailed with the observer component in this programme. The member States must be entrusted with the task of running the NAFO Programme from now on. The Commission will work closely with Member states to ensure a smooth transition, and will also evaluate and monitor the application of the Programme by the Member states concerned. Council Regulation 3069/95/EC should be amended accordingly. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : - Budget line - Chapter B2-90, Article B2-902 : 110703 - Inspection and surveillance of fishing activities in EC waters; - Total allocation for action (Part B) - EUR: -3000 million for commitment; - Period of application : The intention is that Member States will assume the responsibility from 1 January 2004. The contract with the private agency running the Programme on behalf of the commission expires on 15.02.04, but it may be prolonged for a limited period in order to ensure there is observer coverage during the transitional period. - Overall estimate of expenditure for 2004 : Commitments: EUR -2000 million. Payments: EUR -1350 million. The proposal will have a positive impact on the Community budget.

# Fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO): observers

2003/0237(CNS) - 01/04/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Niels BUSK (ELDR, DK) approving the proposal without amendment.

# Fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO): observers

2003/0237(CNS) - 29/04/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 3069/95/EC establishing a European Community observer scheme applicable to Community fishing vessels operating in the Regulatory Area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO).

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 855/2004/EC (Corrigendum to the Regulation published in OJ L 161 of 30 April 2004).

CONTENT : in the framework of the NAFO, the Commission undertook in 1995 to ensure its application to Community fishing vessels and to bear the ensuing costs for the observers.

With the adoption of the new framework Regulation for the Common Fisheries Policy, it is now for Member States to, inter alia, control the activities carried out by vessels flying their flag outside Community waters, including being responsible for placing observers on these vessels. This Regulation aims at transferring the administrative and financial burden of the observer task from the Commission to the Member States. The Community is expected to save EUR 3 000 000 for the year 2004 as a result.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/05/2004.