Basic information

2004/0071(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007 **Subject** 3.15.15.03 Fisheries agreements with Indian Ocean countries **Geographical area** Mauritius	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	MORILLON Philippe (ALDE)	28/07/2004

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	MORGANTINI Luisa (GUE/NGL)	27/07/2004
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets		
DEVE Development and Cooperation		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2612	2004-10-21

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/03/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0197	Summary
19/04/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/09/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
02/09/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0001/2004	
15/09/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0006/2004	Summary
15/09/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/10/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/10/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/11/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0071(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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/6/21203 PECH/5/20850

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE346.908	30/08/2004	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0001/2004	02/09/2004	
		T6-0006/2004		

Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		OJ C 140 09.06.2005, p. 0059-0100 E	15/09/2004	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0197	26/03/2004	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	SEC(2004)0352	26/03/2004	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2004)2350	05/10/2004	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2004/2003
OJ L 348 24.11.2004, p. 0001-0002 Summary

EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007

2004/0071(CNS) - 21/10/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : the conclusion of a Fishing Protocol between the European Economic Community and the Government of Mauritius to last from 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation 2003/2004/EC on the conclusion of the Protocol defining, for the period 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007, the fishing opportunities and the financial compensation provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters.

CONTENT : the purpose of this legislative act is to define a new Protocol between the EU and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in Mauritian waters. The newly agreed Protocol covers the period 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2004. The text of the Protocol is attached to the Regulation. In accordance with the Protocol the following fishing possibilities shall be accorded:

- Tuna seiners: licences for 41 vessels;

- Surface long-liners: licences for 49 vessels;

- Vessels fishing by line: licences for 25 GRT/month on an annual average.

The fishing opportunities fixed in the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

- Tuna seiners: France 16, Spain 22, Italy 2, United Kingdom 1.

- Surface long-liners: Spain 19, France 23, Portugal 7.

- Vessels fishing by line: France 25 GRT per month on an annual average.

If licence applications from the aforementioned 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 compensation has been fixed at EUR 487 500 per year and shall cover the catch weight in water of Mauritius of 6 5000 tonnes of catches per year. Part of the financial compensation, namely EUR 195 000, shall annually be earmarked for financing scientific research into areas such as sustainable and responsible fishing.

An annex is attached to the Protocol in which provisions regarding licence application and validity, transhipments, declaration of catches and the status of observers is detailed. Other issues covered by the annex include inspection regimes, the employment of seamen, fishing zones, supply to fishing zones, sanctions and procedures to be taken in case of boarding.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: The Regulation enters into force on 27/11/2004. The Protocol and the Annex enter into force on the date of its signature and shall apply from 3 December 2003.

EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007

2004/0071(CNS) - 15/09/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 415 votes for, 56 against and 67 abstentions, a resolution drafted by Philippe MORILLON (ALDE, FR) approving the Commission's proposal with a few amendments. (Please see the document of 01/09/04.) The Commission must forward to the European Parliament and to the Council a copy of the annual report referred to in the Protocol.

EC/Mauritius fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007

2004/0071(CNS) - 26/03/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to conclude a new Protocol for fishing opportunities and financial compensation between the EU and the Government of Mauritius for the period 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007. PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation. CONTENT : A series of meetings between representatives from Mauritius and the European Union in September 2003 led to agreement on the technical and financial conditions under which Community fishing vessels can fish in Mauritius. It covers the period 3 December 2003 to 2 December 2007. The new Protocol grants fishing possibilities for: - 41 tuna seiner; - 49 surface long liners and - licences for 25 GRT per month on an annual average for vessels fishing by line. Financial compensation has been fixed at EUR 487 500 per year and covers a catch weight in the waters of Mauritius of 6 500 tons of catches per year. Part of the financial compensation equivalent to EUR 195 000 per year shall be earmarked to the financing of targeted actions, such as scientific and technical programmes, training, control and surveillance, including the VNS. New elements have been introduced into the new Protocol in line with the promotion of responsible and sustainable fishery in the Indian Ocean. Specifically speaking the new elements introduced include: - Duration of the Protocol lasting four, rather than the previous three, years. - An exclusive clause prohibiting any private licence or any other form of arrangement. - Obligation for the EU fleet operating the Mauritian waters to embark local seamen and to apply the social clause. - Fishing 15 miles from the coast rather than the previously agreed 12 miles. - Obligation for Community vessels to communicate any transhipment in Mauritius and - Sanctions for non-compliance with the Protocol and the relevant Mauritian legislation. The Commission will propose, under a separate procedure, a proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application of the new Protocol. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: - Budget lines: 110301 (previous B78000) : "International Fisheries Agreements" 11010404 (ex B78000A) : "International Fisheries Agreements , administrative expenditure". - Total allocation for action (Part B): Min: EUR 2 010 000, Max: 3 960 000 in commitment and payment appropriations. - Period of application: 3.12.2003 to 2.12.2007 - Impact on staff: One permanent post Grade A; one permanent post Grade B; one permanet post Grade C.