

Basic information	
2005/0249(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Fisheries agreement EEC/Sao Tome and Principe: period from 1st June 2005 to 31st May 2006 Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries Geographical area Sao Tome and Principe	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	PECH Fisheries		FREITAS Duarte (PPE-DE)
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	DEVE Development		CARLOTTI Marie-Arlette (PSE)
	BUDG Budgets		TRÜPEL Helga (Verts /ALE)
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	General Affairs	2705	2006-01-30
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2741	2006-07-11
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/12/2005	Legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0630 	Summary

16/02/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/04/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
20/04/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0132/2006	
16/05/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0194/2006	Summary
16/05/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/07/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
11/07/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
22/07/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2005/0249(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/32438

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE369.850	24/02/2006	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE369.871	22/03/2006	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE371.722	27/03/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0132/2006	20/04/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0194/2006	16/05/2006	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference		Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2005)0630 		07/12/2005	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2006)2902		22/06/2006	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	
Final act		
Regulation 2006/1124 OJ L 200 22.07.2006, p. 0001-0002		Summary

Fisheries agreement EEC/Sao Tome and Príncipe: period from 1st June 2005 to 31st May 2006

2005/0249(CNS) - 07/12/2005 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to extend by one year (until 31 May 2006) the Protocol annexed to the Fisheries Agreement between the EEC and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation

CONTENT : the Protocol annexed to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe expired on 31 May 2005.

The two parties agreed at the beginning of 2005 to extend the Protocol, in particular in order to work out certain difficulties relating to the implementation of the 2002-05 Protocol and to give the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe more time to prepare as well as possible for negotiations on a future partnership agreement, and to implement the action programme to support the necessary development of the fisheries sector.

The new government, which took office in March 2004, waited until the last minute to analyse the option of extending the protocol, despite numerous reminders in March, April and May 2005. The parties have finally decided to extend the Protocol for a period of one year, from 1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006. The extension, in the form of an exchange of letters, was initiated by the two parties on 3 June 2005, and sets out the technical and financial conditions governing the fishing activities of EC vessels in the waters of São Tomé and Príncipe for the period from 1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006.

The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council adopt the Regulation on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters extending the Protocol. A proposal for a Council Decision on provisional application of the Agreement (pending its actual entry into force) is the subject of a separate procedure.

The main features of the extended Protocol are unchanged.

The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol are allocated to Member States as follows:

- tuna seiners: France:18 ; Spain: 18
- pole-and-line tuna vessels: Portugal: 2
- surface longliners: Spain: 20 ; Portugal: 5

If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State.

The Member States whose vessels fish under the Agreement must notify the Commission of the quantities of each stock caught within the fishing zone of São Tomé and Príncipe in accordance with Commission Regulation 500/2001/EC.

For further information concerning the financial implications of this measure, please refer to the financial statement.

Fisheries agreement EEC/Sao Tome and Príncipe: period from 1st June 2005 to 31st May 2006

2005/0249(CNS) - 16/05/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Duarte **FREITAS** (EPP-ED, PT) and made a few amendments to the proposal. (Please see the summary of 19/04/2006.)

Fisheries agreement EEC/Sao Tome and Príncipe: period from 1st June 2005 to 31st May 2006

2005/0249(CNS) - 30/01/2006

The Council adopted, with qualified majority, a decision approving the signature of an agreement extending, for the period from 1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006, the protocol currently in force under the fisheries agreement between the EU and São Tomé and Príncipe (15967/05). The United Kingdom delegation voted against.

The fishing opportunities provided for in the protocol are expressed in vessel numbers (36 tuna seiners, 2 pole-and-line tuna vessels and 25 surface longliners) and concern France, Spain and Portugal.

The financial contribution is set at EUR 637 500. The EU will also provide financing of EUR 50 000 during this period for an evaluation study on deep-water crab.

Fisheries agreement EEC/Sao Tome and Príncipe: period from 1st June 2005 to 31st May 2006

2005/0249(CNS) - 11/07/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE : to extend by one year (until 31 May 2006) the Protocol annexed to the Fisheries Agreement between the EEC and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 1124/2006/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters extending the Protocol setting out, for the period 1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe on fishing off the coast of São Tomé e Príncipe.

CONTENT : the Protocol annexed to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe expired on 31 May 2005. Under the terms of that Agreement, the Contracting Parties are to enter into negotiations, before the period of validity of the Protocol to the Agreement expires, to determine by mutual agreement the contents of the Protocol for the period that follows and, where applicable, the amendments or additions to be made to the Annex.

Pending negotiations on changes to be made to the existing Protocol approved by Council Regulation 2348/2002/EC, the EEC and São Tomé and Príncipe have decided to extend its validity for one year by means of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters.

The main features of the extended Protocol are unchanged.

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ENTRY INTO FORCE : 25/07/2006.