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Compensation for regions' remoteness *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council regulation introducing a scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French departments of Guiana and Reunion as a result of those regions' remoteness (COM(2003) 516 – C5-0390/2003 – 2003/0202(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2003) 516)¹,
 - having regard to Article 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C5-0390/2003),
 - having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market on the proposed legal basis,
 - having regard to Rules 67 and 63 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism (A5-0411/2003),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment 1

¹ Not yet published in OJ.

Citation 1

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular *Article 37* thereof,

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Amendment 2

Recital 4

(4) The regions concerned are facing specific development problems, and in particular additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain products as a result of their remoteness.

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Amendment 3

Article 8, paragraph 2 a (new)

2a. The Commission may, in accordance with the same procedure, revise on an annual basis the quantities referred to in Articles 3 to 7. In so doing, it shall take account of the rates of utilisation of appropriations in each of the regions concerned, without prejudice to the key for distributing the financial amounts available under this Regulation for the following years, and after verifying that the possibility for modulation within regions belonging to the same Member State, or among species, has not resulted in the full use of the amounts available.

Amendment 4

Article 10, paragraphs 1 and 2

1. The Commission shall be assisted *by the Management Committee for Fishery Products (hereafter "the Committee")*.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, *Articles 4 and 7* of Decision 1999/468/EEC shall apply.

1. The Commission shall be assisted by *an Advisory Committee*.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, *Articles 3 and 7* of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, *having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof*.

The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/CE shall be one month.

Amendment 5
Article 12, paragraph 1 a (new)

In addition, by 1 May each year, the Commission shall submit to the budgetary authority a report on the implementation of this Regulation, accompanied by an updated financial statement.