

ORAL QUESTION H-0474/02
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2002
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by John McCartin
to the Commission

Subject: Introduction of new fishing capacity through Irish fleet

Can the Commission comment on the accuracy of newspaper reports that a new fishing vessel, the 'Atlantic Dawn' (144 metres long and with the greatest fishing capacity in the world), has been incorporated into the Irish fishing fleet register and is being permitted to fish for Irish quota? Can the Commission explain whether existing tonnage to match the capacity of this newly-introduced vessel is being taken out or has been decommissioned, and has the European Commission discontinued its legal proceedings against the Irish Government on the grounds that the introduction of this much fishing capacity was in violation of the Common Fisheries Policy ?

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