

POLICY NOTE

THE FISHING VESSELS AND FISH FARMING (MISCELLANEOUS REVOCATIONS) (SCOTLAND) SCHEME 2017

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1. This Scheme revokes 6 Schemes and 1 amending Scheme relating to the provision of financial assistance in respect of fishing vessels and fish farming. All of the listed Schemes are now spent.

Policy Objectives

2. This set of revocations removes redundant subordinate legislation from the books. All listed Schemes are spent.

3. The Fishing Vessels (Temporary Financial Assistance) Scheme 1982 made provision for grants to be paid in respect of a fishing vessel that was owned by the applicant on one of certain specified dates in 1982. One of the conditions for receiving the grant was that 75% of the crew of the vessel were ordinarily resident in the UK on the last day of the relevant qualifying period in 1982. Persons who received grants under the Scheme were required to preserve records until 31 December 1985. These provisions are now redundant.

4. The Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984 provided for the making of grants for fish farming projects to persons who qualified for aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund under Council Regulation (EEC) No 31/83 or Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, both relating to projects for fish farming in specified types of waters. Council Regulation (EEC) No 31/83 was repealed with effect from 19 June 2009 by Council Regulation (EC) No 492/2009.

5. The Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1987 gave effect to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4028/96, which was then repealed with effect from 1 January 1994 by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93. Both the 1984 Scheme and the 1987 Scheme are now redundant.

6. The Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement Grants) Scheme 1987 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1990 were based on payments made under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86 (Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector). Control periods were set down, depending on the type of grant approved. Council Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86 was repealed with effect from 1 January 1994 by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93. Both the 1987 Scheme and the 1990 Scheme are now redundant.

7. The Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1987 was also based on payments made under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4028/86. The Scheme provided for the making of exploratory voyage grants and joint venture grants but the Scheme is now redundant.

8. The Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 1997 provided for a system of grants for the decommissioning of vessels. The Scheme was made by virtue of Article 8 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3699/83 laying down the criteria and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and the processing and marketing of its products. Council Regulation (EC) No 3699/93 was repealed with effect from 20 November 1998 by Council Regulation (EC) No 2468/98. The 1997 Scheme is therefore now redundant.

Consultation

9. Given the spent nature of the listed Schemes no consultation on their revocation is deemed necessary.

Financial effects

10. There are no financial implications associated with bringing this Scheme into place.

Impact assessments

11. No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in relation to this Scheme, as no impact upon business, charities or the voluntary bodies is foreseen.

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