

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3990/88**  
**of 21 December 1988**  
**concerning the stopping of fishing for hake by vessels flying the flag of Spain**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2241/87 of 23 July 1987 establishing certain control measures for fishing activities <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3483/88 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 11 (3) thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 3977/87 of 21 December 1987, fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, total allowable catches for 1988 and certain conditions under which they may be fished <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3472/88 <sup>(4)</sup>, provides for hake quotas for 1988;

Whereas, in order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantitative limitations on catches of stocks subject to quotas, it is necessary for the Commission to fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated;

Whereas, according to the information communicated to the Commission, catches of hake in the waters of ICES

divisions V b (EC zone), VI, VII, XII, XIV and VIII a, b, d and e by vessels flying the flag of Spain or registered in Spain have reached the quotas allocated for 1988,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Catches of hake in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, VII, XII, XIV and VIII a, b, d and e by vessels flying the flag of Spain or registered in Spain are deemed to have exhausted the quotas allocated to Spain for 1988.

Fishing for hake in the waters of ICES divisions V b (EC zone), VI, VII, XII, XIV and VIII a, b, d and e by vessels flying the flag of Spain or registered in Spain is prohibited, as well as the retention on board, the transshipment and the landing of such stocks captured by the abovementioned vessels after the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1988.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 207, 29. 7. 1987, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 306, 11. 11. 1988, p. 2.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 375, 31. 12. 1987, p. 1.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 305, 10. 11. 1988, p. 12.