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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1843/97
of 22 September 1997**

amending, for the third time, Regulation (EC) No 390/97 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1997 and certain conditions under which they may be fished

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas under the terms of Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3760/92 it is incumbent upon the Council to establish the total allowable catches (TACs) by fishery or group of fisheries;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 390/97⁽²⁾ fixes, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the TACs for 1997 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;

Whereas, within the framework of the bilateral consultations on the reciprocal fishing rights between the

Community and Norway, the TAC and the Community share for North Sea plaice have been increased;

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 390/97 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to this Regulation shall replace the corresponding entry in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 390/97.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following 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, 22 September 1997.

For the Council

The President

F. BODEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 389, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1. Regulation as amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 66, 6. 3. 1997, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 711/97 (OJ L 106, 24. 4. 1997, p. 1).

ANNEX

Species: Plaice <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	Zone: II a ⁽¹⁾ , IV
België/Belgique	4 730
Danmark	15 380
Deutschland	4 440
Ελλάδα	
España	
France	890
Ireland	
Italia	
Luxembourg	
Nederland	29 570
Österreich	
Portugal	
Suomi/Finland	
Sverige	
United Kingdom	21 890
EC	76 900 ⁽²⁾
TAC	80 000

⁽¹⁾ Waters of the Community as constituted in 1994.

⁽²⁾ Of which no more than 40 000 tonnes may be fished in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Norway.