

AIDE-MEMOIRE OF THE CANADIAN MISSION

The Canadian Mission to the European Communities refers to the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of letters on 1 January 1984 concerning the mutually satisfactory implementation of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters signed on 30 December 1981.

The Mission has the honour to inform the European Commission that the Government of Canada will apply to Community vessels the following procedures as regards the administration of Canadian regulations governing fishing by foreign vessels in Canadian waters in fishing zones referred to in Annex I to the abovementioned Agreement:

1. Average daily catch rates applying to Community vessels will be fixed annually by the Canadian authorities by 30 September prior to the commencement of the fishing season, following consultation between the Community and Canadian authorities at the request of either side and taking into account the results of these consultations. Should it become clear during the course of the fishing season that the catch rates as fixed would not permit Community vessels to utilize fully their quotas, further consultations will take place, if the Community so requests, to consider the adjustment of the catch rates for the remainder of the fishing season;
2. Any amendments to fishing licences on board Community vessels necessitated by changes in fishing conditions will be made by the Canadian authorities as rapidly as possible, with the aim of issuing such amendments, where necessary, within five working days of receipt of the requisite applications for amendments. Movement of Community vessels from the Canadian fishing zone to another may take place immediately after receipt on the vessel of a telexed copy of the amendment;
3. In circumstances regarded by the Canadian authorities as exceptional, a Community vessel will be authorized by telex to fish for a period of time (the duration to depend on the circumstances) without having its licence on board. Before entering the Canadian fishing zone the vessel must have on board this telex and a telex providing the details of its licence.
4. (a) In principle, one observer will be on board each Community vessel. If necessary, and if facilities on board allow, additional observers will occasionally be placed on board for specified purposes;
- (b) If there is disagreement between Canadian authorities and the captain of a Community vessel as to the level of the catch, an action is then taken by the Canadian authorities pursuant to Canadian regulations, the appropriate Community authorities will be informed of the disagreement and of the consequent action taken;