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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 of 20 December 2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy[(1)], and in particular Article 26(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to common fisheries policy[(2)], and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 41/2007 of 21 December 2006 fixing for 2007 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Community waters and for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required[(3)], lays down quotas for 2007.

(2) Fishing for redfish in NAFO zone 3M is already prohibited for vessels flying the flag of Spain;

(3) According to the information received by the Commission from the NAFO Secretariat, the total allowable catch for 2007 of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation, has been exhausted.

(4) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing for that stock and its retention on board, transhipment and landing by vessels fishing the flag of all Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Quota exhaustion

The fishing quotas allocated to the Member States referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2007 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

Article 2

Prohibitions

Fishing for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member States referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. It shall be prohibited to retain on board, tranship or land such stock caught by those vessels after that date.

Article 3

Entry into force

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

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

Done at Brussels, 19 September 2007.

For the Commission

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Director-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs