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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council 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 20 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 51/2006[(2)] fixes for 2006 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.

(2) Pursuant to consultations between the Community and the Faeroe Islands on 23 February 2006 an arrangement on mutual access on blue whiting stock and the herring stock in each other's, fishing zones has been reached. This arrangement should be implemented.

(3) Since vessels that targeted hake with gill-nets in ICES Divisions VIa, b and VIIb, c, j, k and subarea XII were not implicated in the fishing practices that led to the prohibition of the use of gill-nets in those areas, it is appropriate to allow these fisheries to continue by way of derogation from the prohibition.

(4) The Community has held consultations with Norway on the management of fisheries on the stock of Norwegian spring spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the North-East Atlantic, in particular, with regard to licensing arrangements, which should be implemented.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 51/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes IA, IB and IV to Regulation (EC) No 51/2006 shall be amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 941/2006. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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 Luxembourg, 1 June 2006.

For the Council

The President

U. HAUBNER

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ANNEX

The Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 51/2006 shall be amended as follows:

1. in Annex IA, the entry concerning the species Blue whiting in zone I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIabde, XII and XIV (EC and international waters) shall be replaced by the following:

'SpeciesBlue whiting*Micromesistius poutassou*		**ZoneI, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIIIabde, XII and XIV (EC and international waters)WHB/1 X 14**
Denmark	52 529[ef]	Analytical TAC. Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 applies. Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 applies. Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 applies.
Germany	20 424[ef]	
Spain	44 533[ef]	
France	36 556[ef]	
Ireland	40 677[ef]	
The Netherlands	64 053[ef]	
Portugal	4 137[ef]	
Sweden	12 994[ef]	
United Kingdom	68 161[ef]	
EC	344 063[ef]	
Norway	152 442[ab]	
Faeroe Islands	45 000[cd]	
TAC	2 000 000	

a	May be fished in EC waters in areas II, IVa, VIa north of 56° 30′ N, VIb, VII west of 12° W.
b	Of which up to 500 tonnes may consist of argentine (*Argentina spp.*).
c	Catches of blue whiting may include unavoidable catches of argentine (*Argentina spp.*).
d	May be fished in EC waters in areas VIa north of 56° 30′ N, VIb, VII west of 12° W.
e	Of which up to 61 % may be fished in Norwegian Economic Zone or in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen.
f	Of which up to 2,9 % may be fished in Faeroese waters, zone Vb.'

2. in Annex IA, the following entry shall be inserted after the above entry:

'SpeciesBlue whiting*Micromesistius poutassou*	**ZoneEC waters of II, IVa[b], VIa[c], VIb, VII[d]WHB/24A567**

a	To be counted against Faeroe Islands' catch limits established under the Coastal States arrangement.
b	The catch in zone IVa shall be no more than 2 500 tonnes.
c	North of 56° 30′ N.
d	West of 12° W.'

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Faeroe Islands	10 000[a]	
TAC	2 000 000	

a To be counted against Faeroe Islands' catch limits established under the Coastal States arrangement.

b The catch in zone IVa shall be no more than 2 500 tonnes.

c North of 56° 30′ N.

d West of 12° W.'

3. in Annex IB, the entry concerning the species Herring in zone I and II (EC and international waters) shall be replaced by the following:

'SpeciesHerring*Clupea harengus*		**ZoneEC waters and international waters of I and IIHER/1/2.**
Belgium	22	
Denmark	21 243	
Germany	3 720	
Spain	70	
France	917	
Ireland	5 499	
The Netherlands	7 602	
Poland	1 075	
Portugal	70	
Finland	329	

a May be fished in EC waters.'

Special conditions:
Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the zones specified:

	II, Vb north of 62° N (Faeroese waters) (HER/2A5B-F)
Belgium	2
Denmark	2 117
Germany	371
Spain	7
France	91
Ireland	548
The Netherlands	758
Poland	107
Portugal	7
Finland	32
Sweden	784
United Kingdom	1 354

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Sweden	7 872	
United Kingdom	13 581	
EC	62 000	
Faeroe Islands	6 196[a]	
TAC	Not relevant	Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 do not apply and Article 5(2) of that Regulation applies.

a May be fished in EC waters.'

Special conditions:
Within the limits of the abovementioned quotas, no more than the quantities given below may be taken in the zones specified:

	II, Vb north of 62° N (Faeroese waters) (HER/2A5B-F)
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4. in Part A of Annex III the following point shall be added:

8.5. By way of derogation from points 8.3 and 8.4 vessels targeting hake may deploy gill-nets with a mesh size of 120 mm in the areas concerned at any position where the charted depth is less than 600 metres.

5. Parts I and II of Annex IV shall be replaced by the following:

PART I

Quantitative limitations of licences and fishing permits for Community vessels fishing in third country waters