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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 27/2005 of 22 December 2004 fixing for 2005 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[(1)], and in particular Article 5(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 27/2005 lays down the possibility to increase the Community's fishing opportunities for blue whiting and herring when third countries do not respect a responsible management of those stocks.

(2) In disregard of the allocation of fishing opportunities in zones I and II applied by the coastal States concerned since 1997, Norway has recently increased its fishing opportunities of herring by an additional quantity of 14 %. It appears therefore that Norway does not respect a responsible management of the herring stock.
While awaiting a long-term management agreement on the herring stock with the coastal States concerned, it is appropriate for the Community to increase its quota provisionally by the same percentage of 14 % to 89 537 tonnes in zones I, II (EC waters and international waters). This is from a scientific point of view unlikely to have any irreversible negative effect on the conservation of the stock.

(3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 27/2005 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex IC to Regulation (EC) No 27/2005 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 1262/2005. (See end of Document for details)*

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

Done at Brussels, 1 August 2005.

For the Commission

Joe BORG

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Annex IC to Regulation (EC) No 27/2005 is amended as follows:

The entry concerning the species herring in zone I, II (EC waters and international waters) is replaced by the following:

'SpeciesHerring*Clupea harengus*		**ZoneI, II (EC waters and international waters)HER/1/2**
Belgium	31	
Denmark	30 677	
Germany	5 373	
Spain	101	
France	1 324	
Ireland	7 942	
Netherlands	10 979	
Poland	1 553	
Portugal	101	
Finland	475	
Sweden	11 368	
United Kingdom	19 613	
EC	89 537	
Faroe Islands	7 548[a]	

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 (Faroese waters) (HER/*25B-F)
Belgium	3
Denmark	2 580
Germany	452
Spain	9
France	111
Ireland	668
Netherlands	924
Poland	131
Portugal	9
Finland	40
Sweden	956
United Kingdom	1 650'