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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy[(1)], and in particular Article 21(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Regulation (EC) No 2287/2003 of 19 December 2003 fixing for 2004 the fishing opportunities and associated fishing conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required, lays down quotas for megrim for 2004[(2)].

(2) In order to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to the quantity limits on catches of stocks subject to quotas, the Commission must fix the date by which catches made by vessels flying the flag of a Member State are deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated.

(3) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of megrim in the waters of ICES division VIIIc, sub-areas IX, X and CECAF 34.1.1 (EC waters) by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal have exhausted the quota allocated for 2004. Portugal has prohibited fishing for this stock from 14 June 2004. This date should be adopted in this Regulation also,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Catches of megrim in the waters of ICES division VIIIc, sub-areas IX and X and CECAF 34.1.1 (EC waters) by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal are hereby deemed to have exhausted the quota allocated to Portugal for 2004.

Fishing for megrim in the waters of ICES division VIIIc, sub-areas IX and X and CECAF 34.1.1 by vessels flying the flag of Portugal or registered in Portugal is hereby prohibited, as are the retention on board, transhipment and landing of this stock caught by the above vessels after the date of application of this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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 1598/2004. (See end of Document for details)

It shall apply from 14 June 2004.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 September 2004.

For the Commission

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