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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1765/2003

of 29 September 2003

on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast for the period 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 in conjunction with Article 300(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [1],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [2],

Whereas:

(1) The European Community and the Republic of Guinea have held negotiations to determine the amendments or additions to be made to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast [3] at the end of the period of application of the Protocol thereto.

(2) During the negotiations, the two Parties decided to extend the current Protocol [4] for a second one-year period, from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003, by means of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, pending the conclusion of the negotiations on the amendments to be made to the Protocol.

(3) It is in the Community's interest to approve that extension.

(4) The allocation of the fishing opportunities for trawlers and tuna boats among the Member States should be confirmed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast for the period from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003 is hereby approved on behalf of the European Community.

The text of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters is attached to this Regulation [5].

Article 2

The fishing opportunities for trawlers and tuna boats fixed in Article 1 of the Protocol shall be allocated pro rata temporis among the Member States as follows:

(a) fin-fish/cephalopods:	
— Spain:	844 GRT
— Italy:	750 GRT
— Greece:	906 GRT
(b) shrimps:	
— Spain:	1 050 GRT
— Portugal:	300 GRT
— Greece:	150 GRT
(c) tuna seiners:	
— France:	19 vessels
— Spain:	19 vessels
(d) pole-and-line tuna vessels:	
— France:	7 vessels
— Spain:	7 vessels
(e) surface longliners:	
— Spain:	14 vessels
— Portugal:	2 vessels

[1] Proposal of 10 March 2003 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[2] Opinion delivered on 3 September 2003 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[3] OJ L 111, 27.4.1983, p. 1.
[4] The current Protocol was approved by Regulation (EC) No 445/2001 (OJ L 64, 6.3.2001, p. 3) and extended for one year by Regulation (EC) No 924/2002 (OJ L 144, 1.6.2002, p. 3).
[5] OJ L 133, 29.5.2003, p. 85.