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II

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COMMISSION**COMMISSION DECISION**

of 24 April 1985

**on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted by the
Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83**

(Only the German text is authentic)

(85/277/(EEC))

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 15 June 1984 the German Government
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of the fishing industry, hereinafter referred to as
'the programme'; whereas on 24 January 1985 it
forwarded the latest additional information concerning
the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of the Regulation;

Whereas the German fleet must undergo further
restructuring if its present fishing capacity is to be
maintained in reasonable economic conditions;

Whereas, given the particular difficulties encountered
as regards the profitability of the inshore fleet, special
attention must be paid to its restructuring;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the measures for the conservation and
management of fish stocks, the demand for the
products concerned and the guidelines of the common
fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for
projects which may qualify for financial support from
the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the
fishing fleet forwarded by the German Government on
15 June 1984, as last supplemented on 24 January 1985,
the main features of which are set out in Annex I
hereto, is hereby approved subject to the provisions set
out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of
Germany.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE FISHING FLEET DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83****1. Purpose of the programme**

- maintenance of fishing capacity throughout the period of application of the programme at the 1982 level as regards the inshore fleet (cutter fleet), i.e. 23 300 grt and 126 000 hp (position at 31 December 1982), and at the end 1983 level as regards the distant water fleet, i.e. 55 179 grt and 56 000 hp (position at 31 December 1983),
- safeguarding the viability of mussel-fishing enterprises.

2. Areas concerned

The programme is applicable to the four coastal Länder: Bremen, Hamburg, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein.

3. Duration

The programme is valid for three years, from 1 January 1983 to 31 December 1985.

4. Objective of the programme

The objective of the programme is to:

- ensure a high level of profitability for the fishing fleet,
- safeguard employment,
- remedy supply shortages,
- help maintain processing concerns.

5. The following measures are to attain this objective**5.1. Construction**

Fishing capacity will be maintained by offsetting fleet additions by withdrawals of overall equivalence.

5.2. Modernization

Modernization projects will consist exclusively of work relating to crew safety and comfort and the improvement of on-board working conditions and must not entail any increase in engine power.

5.3. Shellfish-farming

Modernization of mussel-fishing enterprises by aid for vessel modernization, and provision of aid for the development of oyster-farming.

6. Estimated investments required to attain the objectives set out in point 4 above**6.1. For vessel construction**

- annual addition to the fleet of 21 vessels, totalling 900 grt and 6 750 hp,
- annual withdrawal of 30 vessels, totalling 900 grt and 7 500 hp.

6.2. For vessel modernization

20 vessels per year.

6.3. Aquaculture

Modernization and extension of one mussel-farming undertaking and establishment of one oyster-farming undertaking.

7. Investment forecasts (million ECU)

Total planned investments:

- for new vessels: 14 million ECU,
- for modernization: 1,34 million ECU,
- for shellfish and oyster farming: 0,6 million ECU.

Planned annual national aid: 3,588 million ECU.

The financial data, as well as the breakdown between various measures, are indicative.

ANNEX II**FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the German Government as a framework for future Community or national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure, following the adoption of the common fisheries policy, to restructure the fleet in the medium term, to ensure satisfactory economic conditions for the fishing industry and to improve the incomes of those employed in it.

However, the aim of maintaining fishing capacity at its 1982 level as regards the inshore fleet (cutter fleet), and at its 1983 level as regards the distant-water fleet must be accompanied by a permanent system of management of fishing capacity in association with the management of fish resources.

However, the aim of maintaining fishing capacity at its 1982 level as regards the inshore fleet and at its 1984 level as regards the distant-water fleet must be accompanied by a permanent system of management of stocks and capacity. This system, which should be introduced as soon as possible, will have to involve surveillance of initiatives as regards construction of new vessels and modernization of existing ones, to ensure a balance between additions to and withdrawals from the fleet. The arrangements for applying this system must be notified to the Commission in the framework of the annual review of the programme. The Commission considers that the system should include a procedure for monitoring the effects of vessel modernization on capacity.

2. The Commission requests the German Government to ensure that measures taken by the regional or local authorities are compatible with this programme.
 3. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in this programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 4. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fishing undertakings in Germany.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by the
Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the German text is authentic)****(85/278/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 15 June 1984 the German Government
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the
programme'; whereas on 29 November 1984 it
forwarded the latest additional information concerning
the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83;

Whereas a feature of aquaculture in Germany is the
very slight development of fish farming in sea waters;
whereas almost all fish farming in Germany is carried
out in fresh water and mainly involves the rearing of
trout and carp;

Whereas the programme proposes chiefly to rationalize
and develop trout and carp rearing and, to a lesser
extent, to increase freshwater production of other
species; whereas the programme proposes chiefly to
rationalize and develop trout and carp rearing and, to a
lesser extent, to increase freshwater production of other
species; whereas the Commission cannot approve that
part of the programme relating to trout and carp in

view of the difficult situation on the Community for
these products;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy,
constitute a suitable framework for projects which may
qualify for financial support from the Community
except for the part relating to trout and carp reared in
fresh water;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of
aquaculture forwarded by the German Government on
15 June 1984, as last supplemented on 29 November
1984, the main features of which are set out in Annex I
hereto, is hereby approved subject to the provisions set
out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of
Germany.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of the freshwater aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in Germany, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. Duration

The programme will cover a three-year period from the beginning of 1983 until the end of 1985.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of the Federal Republic of Germany.

4. Development policy

Future activity will be concentrated on species for which proven rearing technology exists. Among these species the most important are:

- (a) trout;
- (b) carp;
- (c) eels.

5. Production targets

The production targets to be achieved by the end of the programme in 1985 are stabilization of current production of trout and carp and a significant increase in other products, in particular eels.

6. Investment requirement

Investments of about 13,3 million ECU are required during the period covered by the programme.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes a initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture. However, in view of the situation on the Community market for trout and carp reared exclusively in fresh water, and pending the findings of a more detailed study of the foreseeable development of this market, the Commission cannot approve the part of the programme relating to these products.
 2. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in Germany.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted by
Denmark pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Danish text is authentic)****(85/279/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas the Danish Government forwarded on
30 November 1984 a multiannual guidance programme
in respect of the fishing industry, hereinafter called 'the
programme'; whereas it forwarded on 20 February
1985 the latest additional information concerning this
programme;

Whereas the period of implementation of the
programme covers at least the proposed duration of the
common measure, in accordance with the first para-
graph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No
2908/83;

Whereas the vessels that make up the Danish fishing
fleet are characterized by a considerable degree of
obsolescence, in particular with regard to the date of
hull construction; whereas, in order to ensure that the
fishing fleet is restructured in a rational manner, the
programme provides for a renewal, without any
increase in the overall tonnage of the fleet, that is
compatible with the medium-term prospects for the
exploitation of fish stocks; whereas such renewal is
concerned with improving working conditions, the
conditions for processing and conserving catches and
the versatility of fishing methods;

Whereas special attention should be paid to fishing for
human consumption;

Whereas the renewal of obsolete vessels must be accom-
panied by a withdrawal of vessels whose gross register
tonnage is equivalent overall to that of the newly built
vessels;

Whereas it is planned that the implementation of the
restructuring measures should be accompanied by the
introduction of a permanent system for monitoring
additions to the fleet and a generalized system to ensure
that better use is made of available resources with a
view to obtaining the best possible distribution of
fishing effort;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to the
production potential, the measures for the conservation
and management of fish stocks, the demand for the
products concerned and the guidelines of the common
fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for
projects which may qualify for financial support from
the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the
fishing fleet forwarded by the Danish Government
on 30 November 1984, as last supplemented on
20 February 1985, the main features of which are set
out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of
Denmark.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

ANNEX I

**MAIN FEATURES OF THE GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE FISHING FLEET
DRAWN UP BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL
REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83**

1. Purpose of the programme

Restructuring of the fishing fleet by the replacement of obsolete vessels and the modernization of vessels already in use.

2. Delimitation of the area concerned by the programme

The territory of Denmark with the exclusion of Greenland and the Faroes.

3. Duration of the programme

The programme will remain in force until 31 December 1987.

4. Objective of the programme

The objective of the programme is to:

- stabilize the capacity of the fleet in the medium term, account being taken of a slight increase in the stocks available for human consumption and of the stability of stocks available for industrial processing,
- improve working and safety conditions on board,
- improve on-board conservation and processing of catches with a view to improving catch quality and thereby achieving greater economic efficiency,
- encourage a more rational use of fuel by vessels.

5. The following measures are proposed to attain these objectives**5.1. Construction**

- stabilization of the overall capacity of the fleet at 120 000 grt as of 31 December 1987, i.e. at the same level as of 31 December 1984,
- monitoring of additions to the fleet, which must be offset by an overall withdrawal of vessels of an equivalent capacity,
- promotion of definitive withdrawal from fishing activity, without replacement, by the application of a system of laying-up premiums in accordance with Directive 83/515/EEC ⁽¹⁾.

5.2. Modernization

Modernization aid will be restricted to vessels less than 30 years old until 31 December 1985. From 1 January 1986, this limit will be reduced to 25 years. For industrial fishing, this aid will be restricted to measures aimed at improving the quality of the catches; a more rational use of fuel and working and safety conditions on board.

6. Forecast investments required to attain the objective set out in point 4 above**6.1. For vessel construction (in grt)**

	1985	1986	1987
Additions to the fleet	6 500	5 500	6 000
Withdrawals from the fleet	6 500	5 500	6 000
— without State aids	4 500	5 500	6 000
— with State aids	2 000	—	—

6.2. For vessel modernization

It is planned that the number of vessels to be modernized in the period from 1985 to 1987 will be of the same order as the number modernized in the previous three years.

⁽¹⁾ Article 13 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 lays down that projects concerning the construction of fishing vessels intended for the replacement of vessels having benefited from aids for definitive reduction of capacity within the framework of Directive 83/515/EEC are ineligible.

7. **Investment forecasts (million ECU)**

Total planned investments:

- for the construction of new vessels 1985 to 1987: 200 million ECU,
- for modernization: 20 million ECU.

Planned annual national aid for construction and modernization:

1985: 3,9 million ECU	} Of which 0,7 million ECU are for aquaculture
1986: 4,4 million ECU	
1987: 4,4 million ECU	

These financial figures, as well as the breakdown between the various measures are indicative.

ANNEX II

FINAL CONCLUSIONS

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Danish Government constitutes an initial attempt, following the adoption of the common fisheries policy, to restructure investments in the medium term with the aim of ensuring satisfactory economic conditions for the fishing industry and of improving the income of those employed in the industry.

The capacity objective fixed must, however, be accompanied by a permanent system of management of the catch capacity in relation to the management of stocks. This system, which should be installed as soon as possible, should include a continuous monitoring of developments in respect of both the construction of new vessels and the modernization of the existing fleet and should pay particular attention to the balance between entries into the fleet and withdrawals from activity. The norms of application must be notified to the Commission within the framework of the annual re-examination of this programme.

The Commission considers that a continuous monitoring of the effect of boat modernizations on capacity should be set up within the framework of this system.

Moreover, the development of the engine capacity of the fleet should be monitored in order to avoid, as necessary, all risks of an uncontrolled increase in fishing effort.

The Commission notes the intention of the Danish authorities to cease providing State aid to finance, on the one hand, the construction of new vessels for industrial fishing and, on the other, the modernization of vessels that are more than 30 years old until 31 December 1985. From 1 January 1986 this age limit will be reduced to 25 years.

2. The Commission considers that the forecasts of investment contained in the present programme do not prejudice possible grants of aid from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme forecasts and their actual implementation should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fishing undertakings in Denmark.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by Denmark
pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Danish text is authentic)****(85/280/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 30 November 1984 the Danish Govern-
ment forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the
programme'; whereas on 5 February 1985 it forwarded
the latest additional information concerning the
programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83;

Whereas aquaculture in Denmark is in its initial stages
and the main objective of the programme is to lay foun-
dation for future development;

Whereas the programme does not allow for public
funds for fish farming carried out exclusively in fresh
water, except in respect of eels;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy,
constitute a suitable framework for projects which may
qualify for financial support from the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of
aquaculture forwarded by the Danish Government
on 30 November 1984, as last supplemented on
5 February 1985, the main features of which are set out
in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of
Denmark.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in Denmark, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. Duration

The programme will cover the three years from the beginning of 1985 until the end of 1987.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of Denmark (excepting Greenland and the Faroe Islands) is covered by the programme.

4. Development policy

Future activity will be concentrated on species for which proven rearing technology exists. Among these species the most important are:

- (a) trout in seawater;
- (b) eels;
- (c) oysters and mussels.

The programme does not allow for public funds for the rearing of trout in fresh water.

5. Production targets

The target total annual production to be achieved between 1995 and 2000 is:

- trout reared in sea water: 5 000 tonnes,
- eels: 3 000 tonnes,
- oysters: 1 to 5 million per year,
- mussels: present production amounts to a few hundred tonnes and might be increased depending on market conditions.

6. Investment

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 15 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 0,7 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Danish Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in Denmark; it agrees with the Danish authorities' analysis of the development potential seawater aquaculture and eel rearing, in particular in fresh water.
 2. The Commission points out that the investments requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in Denmark.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted by
France pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the French text is authentic)****(85/281/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas the French Government forwarded on
28 November 1984 a multiannual guidance programme
in respect of the fishing industry, hereinafter called 'the
programme'; whereas it forwarded on 25 February
1985 the latest additional information concerning this
programme;

Whereas the period for the implementation of the
programme covers at least the proposed duration of the
common measure, in accordance with the first para-
graph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No
2908/83;

Whereas French fishing fleets and their methods are
very varied due to the range of species caught;

Whereas there is a need to continue restructuring the
French fishing fleet in order to maintain its profit-
ability;

Whereas, in the light of stocks, it is desirable not to
increase the fishing capacity of the fleet;

Whereas special attention should be paid to the renewal
of the near-water company-owned fleet in the light of
the very major reduction it has experienced and its

importance in ensuring that ports are well supplied
with fish;

Whereas maintenance of fishing capacity will be
ensured by continuous monitoring of additions to and
withdrawals from the fleet;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to the
production potential, the measures for the conservation
and management of fish stocks, the demand for the
products concerned and the guidelines of the common
fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for
projects which may qualify for financial support from
the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the
fishing fleet forwarded by the French Government
on 28 November 1984, as last supplemented on
25 February 1985, the main features of which are set
out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

ANNEX I

**MAIN FEATURES OF THE GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE FISHING FLEET
DRAWN UP BY FRANCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83**

1. Purpose of the programme

Renewal and modernization of the fishing fleet with a view to adjusting the quantity and quality of consumer supply and fishing capacity to available halieutic resources.

2. Delimitation of the area concerned by the programme

The territory of France including the overseas departments.

3. Duration of the programme

The programme has a term of validity of five years, from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1988.

4. Objective of the programme

The objective of the programme is to:

(a) for mainland France:

- maintain fishing capacity at its 1984 level,
- improve the profitability of fishing undertakings,
- respect the priorities laid down in the programme, namely:
 - fishing with near-water company vessels,
 - the fleets in certain ports or regions faced with special difficulties;

(b) for overseas territories:

- develop and re-orient the fleet in relation to stocks and fishing conditions,
- improve product quality,
- progressively diminish the portion of shrimp fishing in Guyanese waters allotted to third countries.

5. The following measures are proposed to attain these objectives**5.1. Construction**

- stabilization of the total engine power of the mainland fleet for the full duration of the programme at its level on 31 December 1983, namely 914 000 kW,
- monitoring of additions to the fleet, which must be offset by an overall withdrawal of vessels of an equivalent capacity,
- observance of a reasonable balance in respect of additions to and withdrawals from the fleet between the various regions and types of fishery.

5.2. Modernization

Modernization aid will be restricted to measures aimed at improving on-board working and safety conditions or at improving the profitability of vessels, without initiating measures which result in an increase in the motor power of the vessels in question.

6. Forecast investments required to attain the objective set out in point 4 above*(a) Mainland France:*

Coast	Additions to the fleet		Assumed withdrawals from the fleet (Power (kW))
	Power (kW)	Number	
Channel/North Sea	25 396	70	24 739
Atlantic coast	97 490	304	94 677
Mediterranean coast	16 244	67	15 268
Total	139 130	441	134 684

(b) Overseas departments:

	Additions to the fleet
Guadeloupe	26 vessels
Martinique	18 vessels
Guyana	85 vessels of which 35 shrimp boats
Réunion	5 vessels

7. Investment forecasts (million ECU)

- Total investments planned for the period 1984 to 1988: about 316 million ECU for French mainland and 33 million ECU for the overseas departments.
- Planned national aid: (State budget):
 - 1984: 13,82 million ECU,
 - 1985: 14,55 million ECU.

Aid in later years will be kept at the same level in francs at constant value, subject to annual finance laws. This financial information, as well as the breakdown between various measures, is indicative.

ANNEX II**FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the French Government having regard to the future national or Community actions of the common fisheries policy to bring about medium-term restructuring aimed at ensuring satisfactory economic conditions for the fishing industry, whilst observing a balance between catch potential and the capacity of the fishing fleet.

The objective of maintaining engine power should, however, be accompanied by a permanent system of management of fishing capacity in association with the management of fishing resources. In this respect, the Commission considers that this system should include a control of definitive entries into and withdrawals from fishing activity by region and by type of fishing in order to ensure that the increase in capacity obtained by new boat building is globally compensated by an equivalent reduction in capacity. The effect of fleet modernization on its capacity should be monitored in the framework of this system.
 2. The Commission requests that the French Government sees that the actions of local or regional authorities be contained within the present programme.
 3. The Commission points out that the investment forecasts contained in the programme does not prejudice any future Community aid.
 4. The Commission considers that the programme forecasts and their actual implementation should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fishing undertakings in France.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by France
pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the French text is authentic)****(85/282/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 31 October 1984 the French Government
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the
programme'; whereas on 4 March 1985 it forwarded
the latest additional information concerning the
programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83;

Whereas a feature of aquaculture in France is the tradi-
tional shellfish farming industry which is of great eco-
nomic and social importance; whereas, in addition,
there are many fish and crustacean farming enterprises
utilizing both low and high technology rearing
methods;

Whereas the programme proposes to encourage shell-
fish culture and the rearing of high-market-value
species, in particular crustaceans, the rearing technol-
ogy for which appears well established;

Whereas the programme does allow for public funds
for the rearing of trout and carp carried out exclusively
in fresh water;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy,
constitute a suitable framework for projects which may
qualify for financial support from the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of
aquaculture forwarded by the French Government on
31 December 1984, as last supplemented on
4 March 1985, the main features of which are set out in
Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in France, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. Duration

The programme will cover the five years from the beginning of 1984 until the end of 1988.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of metropolitan France and the overseas departments.

4. Development policy

Future activity will be concentrated on species with good market prospects and with well-established rearing technology. Among these species the most important are:

(a) oysters;

(b) mussels;

(c) fresh water prawn (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*).

The programme does not allow for rearing of trout and carp in fresh water.

5. Present output and production targets

	(tonnes)	
	Present	1988
Mussels	40 000	59 000
Oysters	136 000	140 000
Macrobrachium	100	1 000

6. Investment requirement

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 64 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 12,5 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the French Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments, to ensure satisfactory economic conditions for aquaculture and to improve the income of those employed in the industry. The Commission shares the French authorities' analysis of the development potential.
 2. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in France.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted by
Greece pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Greek text is authentic)****(85/283/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 12 December 1984, the Greek Government
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of the fishing industry, hereinafter referred to as
'the programme'; whereas on 11 February 1985, it
forwarded the latest additional information concerning
the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of the Regulation;

Whereas the Greek fishing fleet is characterized by
considerable obsolescence in particular as regards dates
of hull construction; whereas, in order to ensure that
the fishing fleet is restructured in a rational manner, the
programme provides for fleet renewal, without any
significant increase in overall tonnage, at a rate com-
patible with the medium-term prospects for the exploi-
tation of fish stocks; whereas, the principal aims of
renewal are to improve working conditions, and the
conditions for processing and conserving catches, and
to diversify fishing methods;

Whereas the programme lays special emphasis on
middle-water fishing, the main source of Greek produc-

tion, pointing out that the age and inadequate equip-
ment of the middle-water fleet warrant the construction
of new vessels, offset by equivalent overall with-
drawals, and the modernization of existing vessels;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the measures for the conservation and
management of fish stocks, the demand for the
products concerned and the guidelines of the common
fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for
projects which may qualify for financial support from
the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the
fishing fleet forwarded by the Greek Government on
12 December 1984, as last supplemented on
11 February 1985, the main features of which are set
out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

ANNEX I

**MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE
FISHING FLEET DRAWN UP BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83**

1. Purpose of the programme

Restructuring of the fishing fleet by replacement of obsolete vessels and the modernization of vessels in use.

2. Areas concerned

The territory of Greece.

3. Duration

The programme is valid until 31 December 1988.

4. Objective of the programme

The objective of the programme is to:

- stabilize the capacity of the fleet in the medium term whilst taking account of the need for the Greek fleet to extend its activities from its present fishing zones to more distant waters in the Mediterranean, Aegean and Ionian Seas;
- make energy savings and widen the fleet's field of activity;
- improve working and safety conditions on board;
- improve on-board storage and handling of catches with a view to improving catch quality and thus increasing economic efficiency.

5. The following measures are proposed to attain this objective**5.1. Construction**

- attainment of an overall tonnage and total engine capacity of 124 000 grt and 683 000 hp respectively by 31 December 1988, i.e. an increase of roughly 6 000 grt and 84 000 hp compared with the position at 31 December 1983,
- monitoring of additions to and withdrawals from the fleet,
- promotion of permanent withdrawal from fishing activity, without replacement, by applying a system of final cessation premiums under Directive 83/515/EEC.

5.2. Modernization

- fuel-saving by replacement of engines,
- installation of refrigerating equipment to improve on-board storage of catches,
- installation of safety, navigation and fish-finding equipment.

6. Estimated investments required to attain the objective set out in point 4 above**6.1. For vessel construction**

Type of fishery	Situation 1983		Situation 1988	
	grt	hp	grt	hp
Inshore	68 217	387 390	69 217	404 390
Middle-water	35 157	182 360	41 632	250 985
Distant-water	15 500	29 438	13 500	27 438
Total	118 874	599 188	124 349	682 813

These forecasts should be reached in equal stages.

Type of fishery	New vessels (number) (replacements)	Average change in hp per vessel	Average change in grt per vessel
Inshore	200	+ 79	+ 10
Middle-water			
— Trawlers/combination	100	+ 228	+ 60
— Seiners	50	+ 120	+ 41
— Distant-water	20	— 100	— 100

6.2. For vessel modernization

The plan is for 800 vessels to be modernized between 1984 and 1988 (550 middle-water and distant-water and 250 inshore vessels).

7. Investment forecasts (million ECU)

Total planned investments (1984 to 1988):

- for new vessels: 125 million ECU,
- for modernization: 81,5 million ECU.

Planned annual national aid for construction and modernization: 8,26 million ECU.

These financial estimates and the allocation among the various measures, are intended only as a guide.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the Greek Government as a framework for future Community or national financing schemes, constitutes an initial measure, following the adoption of the common fisheries policy, to restructure the fleet in the medium-term, to ensure satisfactory economic conditions for the fishing industry and to improve the incomes of those employed in it.

Given the situation of the fishing industry in Greece, its level of output and the lack of reliable data on fish stocks, the capacity target appears somewhat optimistic. The Greek authorities will therefore have to institute as soon as possible a system for monitoring fleet additions and withdrawals involving continuous surveillance of initiative as regards construction of new vessels and modernization of existing ones. The arrangements for applying this system must be notified to the Commission in the framework of the annual review of the programme. The Commission considers that the system should include a procedure to monitor the effects of vessel modernization on capacity.

Furthermore, any changes in engine power must be monitored to avoid the risk of an uncontrolled increase in fishing effort.

With regard to the restructuring of the distant water fishery, the Commission approves the intention of the Hellenic authorities of limiting the entry into service of new vessels replacing existing vessels to four boats per year (1 200 grt) from 1984. Moreover, taking account of the present situation with regard to fishing agreements between the Community and third countries concerned, it agrees that the situation should be reviewed in the light of experience acquired.

2. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in this programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 with particular regard to stock evaluation studies being carried out at present. Moreover, it intends to reserve the right to return to the present decision at the end of 1986, within the framework of the annual review, in particular with regard to that of the distant water fleet, in the light of the development of the economic and structural situation of fishing enterprises in Greece.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by Greece
pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Greek text is authentic)****(85/284/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾ and in par-
ticular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 12 December 1984 the Greek Government
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the
programme'; whereas on 11 February 1985 it for-
warded the latest additional information concerning
the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No
2908/83;

Whereas there is a great development potential for
aquaculture in Greece, in particular in the many lagoon
areas, and whereas low- and high-technology aquacul-
tural methods have recently been introduced;

Whereas the programme proposes to encourage the cul-
ture of fish, crustaceans and molluscs in salt and brack-
ish water, in particular by establishing hatcheries, con-
structing infrastructures in lagoons and encouraging
the establishment of intensive aquaculture units, both
in coastal waters and inland;

Whereas the programme also proposes to encourage
significant development of the production of trout

raised exclusively in fresh water and of carp; whereas
the Commission cannot approve this aspect of the pro-
gramme in view of the difficult situation on the market
for these products at the Community level;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy, con-
stitute a suitable framework for projects which may
qualify for financial support from the Community, ex-
cept for the part relating to trout and carp reared in
fresh water;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Com-
mittee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of
aquaculture forwarded by the Greek Government on
12 December 1984, as last supplemented on 11 Febru-
ary 1985, the main features of which are set out in
Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the pro-
visions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83)****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in the United Kingdom, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. Duration

The programme covers a period of five years, beginning in 1984 and ending in 1988.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of Greece and all the islands.

4. Priorities and development policy

Future activity will be concentrated on species with good market prospects and with well-established rearing technology. Among these species the most important are:

- oysters,
- mussels,
- lagoon fish species.

5. Present output and production targets

	<i>(tonnes)</i>	
	Present	1988
Oysters	1 500 to 3 000	4 000
Mussels	2 000	4 000
Lagoon fish	2 500 to 3 500	5 000
Others	2 500 to 3 500	4 000

6. Investment requirement

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 175 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 38,8 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the Greek Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in Greece; it agrees with the Greek authorities' analysis of the development potential, in particular in the lagoon areas. However, the Commission notes that aquaculture is a recent development in Greece and considers that the programme is highly ambitious in respect of the raising of some species. This is true in particular as regards high-technology fish farming and the establishment of many hatcheries for marine fish and crustaceans (lobsters).

The Commission therefore hopes that the Greek authorities will exercise the greatest caution in the technical and economic assessment of investment projects, some of which could entail excessively high risks of long term unprofitability even when account is taken of their status as pilot projects. As far as the rearing of trout and carp in fresh water is concerned, taking account of the existing situation at the Community level concerning the market for these products and in the expectation of the result of an in-depth analysis of the feasible development of the market, the Commission cannot approve that part of the programme.

2. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83. Furthermore, it reserves the right, in the framework of the annual reviews, having regard to the remarks in 1, to reconsider this Decision at the end of 1986 in the light of technical and economic developments in aquaculture in Greece and of the results obtained during the first two years of implementation of the programme.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted
by Ireland pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the English text is authentic)****(85/285/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in par-
ticular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas the Irish Government forwarded on 4 March
1985 a multiannual guidance programme in respect of
the fishing fleet, hereinafter called 'the programme';

Whereas the period of implementation of the pro-
gramme covers at least the proposed duration of the
common measure, in accordance with the first para-
graph of Article 3 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83;

Whereas the programme contains the information re-
ferred to in Article 4 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83;

Whereas, to ensure the rational restructuring of the
Irish fleet, the programme provides for the renewal of
the fleet, without any increase in overall tonnage, in a
manner compatible with the foreseeable availability of
fish stocks in the medium term; whereas the principal
aim of such renewal is to improve working conditions
and catch processing and storage conditions and to
diversify fishing methods;

Whereas the Irish authorities recently announced mea-
sures to improve the financial situation of the fishing
fleet involving amongst other things a reduction in the
rate of interest on mortgage loans contracted in respect
of fishing vessels and the extension, in most cases, of
the period of repayment of loans;

Whereas the fuel used by fishing vessels was recently
exempted of all excise duty;

Whereas these measures are designed to improve the
financial situation of the Irish fishing fleet;

Whereas the Irish authorities have already set up a per-
manent system for monitoring entries into service of
vessels of more than 20 meters (65 feet) with a view to
ensuring better use of available stocks and optimising
the distribution of fishing effort;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to the pro-
duction potential, the measures for the conservation
and management of fish stocks, the demand for the
products concerned and the guidelines of the common
fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for
projects which may qualify for financial support from
the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Com-
mittee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the
fishing fleet forwarded by the Irish Government on
4 March 1985, the main features of which are set out in
Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the pro-
visions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

ANNEX I

**MAIN FEATURES OF THE GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE FISHING FLEET
DRAWN UP BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL
REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83**

1. Purpose of the programme

Restructuring of the fishing fleet by the replacement of obsolete vessels and the modernization of vessels in service.

2. Delimitation of the area concerned by the programme

The territory of Ireland.

3. Duration of the programme

The programme is valid from 1 January 1985 to 31 December 1989.

4. Objectives of the programme

The objectives of the programme are to:

- stabilize the capacity of the fleet in the medium term, account being taken of a slight increase in the stocks available for human consumption and of the stability of stocks available for industrial processing,
- improve working and safety conditions on board,
- improve on-board storage and processing of catches with a view to improving product quality and thereby increasing profitability.

5. The following measures are proposed to attain these objectives:**5.1. Construction**

- stabilization of the overall capacity of the fleet around the level of 32 000 grt existing at 31 December 1984,
- monitoring of additions to the fleet, which must be offset by an overall withdrawal of vessels of an equivalent capacity.

5.2. Modernization

Modernization aid will be reserved by priority for vessels less than 25 years old and/or vessels fishing for pelagic species to be converted to multi-purpose vessels.

6. Forecast investments required to attain the objective set out in point 4 above**6.1. For vessel construction (replacement)**

	1985 to 1989
Additions to the fleet	4 000 grt
Withdrawal from the fleet	4 000 grt

6.2. For vessel modernization

The maximum number of vessels scheduled for modernization in the period 1985 to 1989 is 37.

7. Investment forecasts (million ECU)

Total planned investments (1985 to 1989) in new vessels and modernization of vessels: 56 million ECU (£ Irl 40 million);

State aid planned for construction and modernization of vessels: (1985 to 1989) 14 million ECU (£ Irl 10 million).

These financial figures, as well as the breakdown between the various measures, are indicative.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Irish Government, which constitutes the future framework for the granting of financial aid both by the Community and by Ireland, constitutes an initial step, following the adoption of the common fisheries policy, towards medium-term restructuring of the fishing fleet, with the aim of ensuring satisfactory economic conditions for the fishing industry and of improving the income of those employed therein.

As regards capacity, however, a continuous watch must be kept on initiatives involving the construction of new vessels and the modernization of existing ones. In this context, the Commission considers that the Irish authorities should extend their system of vessel licences as soon as possible in order to ensure a greater balance between stocks and capacity.

The Commission likewise approves of the Irish authorities' intention to scrutinize very closely any application for the modernization or replacement of vessels.

Lastly, the Commission feels that a system should be set up for monitoring the effect of vessel modernization on capacity.

2. The Commission approves the Irish authorities' intention to encourage some redeployment of the fleet in activities other than pelagic fishing by improving the multi-purpose nature of the vessels in question.
 3. The Commission considers that the scheme to improve the financial situation of the Irish fleet published by Ireland on 12 February 1985, will have to be compatible with the present programme.
 4. The Commission points out that the investment forecasts contained in this programme involve no commitment as regards any financial aid from the Community.
 5. The Commission considers that, given available fish stocks and the state of the Irish market for fish, the programme targets and measures to attain them should be subjected to more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83. The Commission reserves its right to review its present decision by the end of 1986, in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fishing enterprises in Ireland.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by Ireland
pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the English text is authentic)****(85/286/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture⁽¹⁾ and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 5 March 1985 the Irish Government
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the
programme';

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83;

Whereas a feature of aquaculture in Ireland is the
recent development of salmonid culture in salt waters;
whereas, in addition shellfish farming offers undoubted
potential, partly exploited at present;

Whereas the programme proposes, in particular, to
continue the development of salmonid culture to ensure
increased production of cultivated shellfish, in partic-
ular mussels;

Whereas the programme also proposes to encourage
some developments of freshwater trout production;

whereas the Commission cannot approve this aspect of
the programme in view of the difficult situation on the
market for these products at the Community level;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy,
constitute a suitable framework for projects which may
qualify for financial support from the Community;
except for that part relating to trout reared in fresh
water;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of
aquaculture forwarded by the Irish Government on
5 March 1985, the main features of which are set out in
Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 May 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) NO 2908/83****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in Ireland, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. Duration

The programme will cover the three years from the beginning of 1985 until the end of 1987.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of Ireland including coastal waters and offshore islands.

4. Priorities and development policy

Future activity will be concentrated on species with good market prospects and with well-established rearing technology. Among these species the most important are:

- salmon,
- oysters,
- mussels,
- trout reared in seawater.

5. Present output and production targets

	<i>(tonnes)</i>	
	Present	1988
Salmon	239	1 500
Oysters	412	1 500
Mussels	6 830	16 500
Trout reared in seawater	191	500

6. Investment requirement

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 9,8 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 2,4 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Irish Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in Ireland; it agrees with the Irish authorities' analysis of the development potential.
 2. As far as the rearing of trout in fresh water is concerned, taking account of the existing situation at the Community level concerning the market for these products and in the expectation of the result of an in-depth analysis of the feasible development of the market, the Commission cannot approve that part of the programme.
 3. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 4. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in Ireland.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted by Italy
pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Italian text is authentic)****(85/287/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 29 November 1984, the Italian Govern-
ment forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of the fishing industry, hereinafter referred to as
'the programme'; whereas on 6 March 1985, it
forwarded the latest additional information concerning
the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of the Regulation;

Whereas the Italian fleet is characterized by a prepon-
derance of artisanal vessels and a high concentration of
trawling capacity in certain waters; whereas it exhibits
a considerable degree of obsolescence, in particular
with regard to the date of hull construction;

Whereas, pending the outcome of research into evalua-
tion of fish stocks, the multiannual guidance
programme aims to maintain the capacity of the fleet at
its level as at 31 December 1983;

Whereas the programme provides that the renewal of
the fleet is to be accompanied by withdrawals of an
overall gross tonnage equivalent to that of the additions
to the fleet;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the measures for the conservation and
management of fish stocks, the demand for the
products concerned and the guidelines of the common
fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for
projects which may qualify for financial support from
the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the
fishing fleet forwarded by the Italian Government on
29 November 1984, as last supplemented on 6 March
1985, the main features of which are set out in Annex I
hereto, is hereby approved subject to the provisions set
out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE FISHING FLEET DRAWN UP BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) NO 2908/83****1. Purpose of the programme**

Restructuring of the fishing fleet by the replacement of obsolete vessels and the modernization of vessels in use.

2. Areas concerned

The Italian peninsula and islands.

3. Duration

The programme is valid until 31 December 1986.

4. Objective of the programme

The objective of the programme is to:

- stabilize the capacity of the fleet in the medium term pending the outcome of research into fish stock assessment,
- modulate fleet restructuring measures in such a way that, whilst serving to stabilize capacities, they cater for the needs of various geographical areas and the structural situation of various types of fishing; such modulation will make it possible to redeploy the fleet in activities other than trawling and to encourage investment in the regions bordering on the Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas and the Islands,
- improve on-board catch handling conditions, the economic performance of vessels and the working conditions of those employed at sea.

5. The following measures are proposed to attain this objective**5.1. Construction**

- stabilization by 31 December 1986 of the overall capacity of the fleet at its level as at 31 December 1983, i.e. approximately 272 400 grt ⁽¹⁾,
- reduction of the existing trawler fishing fleet in the Adriatic sea and in western Sicily and maintain the existing trawler fishing fleet operating in the other Mediterranean zones; this should result in an appreciable reduction in trawler fishing capacity by the end of the programme;
- monitoring of additions to the fleet which must be offset by the withdrawal of vessels of an overall gross tonnage equal to that built,
- encouragement of the permanent withdrawal of obsolete vessels by applying a system of final cessation premiums as provided for in Directive 83/515/EEC ⁽²⁾,
- fixing of priority criteria for the selection of projects likely to qualify for aid (see Annex II).

5.2. Modernization

Priority for the modernization of vessels between seven and 15 years old in order to improve their technical and economic performance and improve safety and working conditions on board.

⁽¹⁾ Figure given in special survey carried out for the programme, which may be revised following the review of the national statistical system.

⁽²⁾ Article 13 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 lays down that projects relating to the construction of fishing vessels intended to replace vessels which have received aid for the permanent reduction of capacity under Directive 83/515/EEC are ineligible.

6. **Estimated investments required to attain the objective set out in point 4 above**6.1. *For vessel construction (in grt)*

	1984	1985	1986
Additions to the fleet	2 843	7 047	8 413
Withdrawals from the fleet	874	7 324	10 147
— without public aid	874	2 324	2 647
— with public aid	—	5 000	7 500

6.2. *For vessel modernization (number of vessels)*

	1984	1985	1986
Vessels to be modernized	211	165	165

7. **Investment forecasts (million ECU)**

	1984	1985	1986
For new vessels	19,4	46,6	60,5
For modernization	19,9	16,3	18,2
Total	39,3	62,9	78,7

Total national aid planned by the Italian Government for the construction and modernization of vessels in the period 1984 to 1986 amounts to approximately 11 million ECU per year in capital grants and roughly 9 million ECU per year in low-interest loans.

These financial figures, and the allocation among the various measures are intended only as a guide.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the Italian Government as a framework for future Community or national financing schemes, constitutes an initial measure, following the adoption of the common fisheries policy, to restructure the fleet in the medium term, to ensure satisfactory economic conditions for the fishing industry and to improve the incomes of those employed in the industry.

However, execution of the programme will have to proceed hand in hand with continuous surveillance of initiatives as regards the construction of new vessels and the modernization of the existing fleet, particularly from the point of view of the development of engine power.

The Commission would therefore urge the Italian authorities to introduce a system for the management of stocks and capacities.

2. The Commission approves the Italian authorities' intention to redeploy part of the fleet in fishing activities other than trawling and to encourage investment in the regions bordering on the Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas and the Islands. It considers that strict administrative conditions should be established in the case of vessels benefiting from aid within the framework of the redeployment. In particular fishing licences issued within this framework should; on the one hand, definitively prohibit all trawling activity for vessels other than trawlers, and on the other, ban all fishing in the Adriatic Sea for boats intending to carry out fishing activities in the Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas or in the vicinity of the Islands.

3. The Commission notes that the forecasts supplied by the Italian authorities for the withdrawal of capacities to offset new vessels scheduled to enter into service by the end of 1986 include many of the withdrawals to be made under Directive 83/515/EEC, the Italian implementing provisions for which were notified to it on 21 April 1984 and 11 February 1985.

The Commission wishes that this regime on its approval, could rapidly come into effect and that the withdrawals should, as a result, conform to the forecasts indicated in the programme.

4. The Commission notes the priorities to be applied by the Italian authorities in assessing projects eligible for aid (see Annex III). It considers that these priorities will have to be adjusted in the light of the development of the fleet and, in particular, the extent of withdrawals. With regard to the restructuring of the oceanic fishing, the Commission approves the intention of the Italian authorities to limit the entry into service of new boats to eight in number (2 700 grt) during the period of the implementation of the programme; it considers moreover, that all grants of aid in this sector should be conditional on the existence of a notified withdrawal of at least equal tonnage, or the commitment of the beneficiary to proceed with such a withdrawal. Moreover, the Commission wishes to affirm that, taking into account the present situation with regard to fishing agreements between the Community and the third countries concerned, it agrees that the situation should be reviewed in the light of experience gained.

5. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.

6. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of the stock evaluation surveys currently in progress and developments in the structural and economic situation of fishing enterprises in Italy.

*ANNEX III***PRIORITIES TO BE APPLIED IN THE ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS****CONSTRUCTION***Priority 1: Construction with direct withdrawal (in grt)*

- A. Projects in Calabria, Basilicata, Sardinia and eastern Sicily with compulsory withdrawals of at least 30 % excluding trawlers.
- B. Vessel for tuna-fishing, ocean-going ⁽¹⁾ and local fishing craft ⁽²⁾.
- C. Projects other than those referred to in B in other regions of Italy, with compulsory withdrawals of at least 30 % (excluding trawlers).
- D. Trawlers or vessels designed for clam gathering, with compulsory withdrawals of at least 70 %.

Priority 2: Construction with direct withdrawal (in grt)

- A. Projects in Calabria, Basilicata, Sardinia and eastern Sicily with withdrawals of less than 30 % for all fishing techniques except trawling (withdrawal of 30 to 70 %).
- B. Projects in Liguria, Tuscany, Lazio and Campania with withdrawals of less than 30 % for all fishing techniques except trawling (withdrawals of 30 to 70 %).
- C. Projects in Adriatic regions and in other areas of Sicily with withdrawals of less than 30 % for all fishing techniques except trawling or clam gathering.

Priority 3: Construction without direct withdrawal

- A. Projects in Calabria, Basilicata, Sardinia and eastern Sicily.
- B. Vessel for tuna-fishing, ocean-going ⁽¹⁾ and local fishing craft ⁽²⁾.
- C. Projects in Liguria, Tuscany, Lazio and Campania.
- D. Projects in the Adriatic regions and in other areas of Sicily.

MODERNIZATION

Two criteria are applied relating to the age of the vessel and the work to be done.

Priority 1A

Projects involving vessels between seven and 15 years old in the Mezzogiorno, aimed at ⁽³⁾:

- A1: reducing operating costs, achieving fuel savings (technologically advanced engine) and greater mechanization of fishing operations (winches, cranes, etc.).
- A2: improving product preservation (refrigeration equipment, icemaking machine).
- A3: enhancing work safety and conditions on board (restructuring and consolidation of hull, accommodation, deck, electronic equipment, etc.).

⁽¹⁾ Priority only effective where the administration confirms that the new vessel will be used in the waters of third countries with which the EEC has concluded agreements.

⁽²⁾ Priority only effective where the fishing licence for the new vessel stipulates that the latter may not engage in trawling.

⁽³⁾ Modernization projects must be technically and economically coordinated from the point of view of the work purchases involved, e.g. structural work, purchase of engine, radar, echosounder and refrigeration equipment.

Priority 1B

Modernization of vessels between seven and 15 years old in other areas of Italy, with a view to introducing the improvements referred to in A1, A2 and A3.

Priority 2A

Modernization of vessels over 15 years old in the Mezzogiorno, with a view to introducing the improvements referred to in A1, A2 and A3.

Priority 2B

Modernization of vessels over 15 years old in other areas, with a view to introducing the improvements referred to in A1, A2 and A3.

Priority 3A

Modernization of vessels between seven and 15 years old involving work and purchases which contribute only partly to an effective improvement in the economic, technical and operational performance of the fishing undertaking concerned.

Priority 3B

Modernization of vessels over 15 years old with a view to introducing the improvements referred to in 3A.

Priority 4

Modernization of vessels less than seven or more than 30 years old.

COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by Italy
pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Italian text is authentic)****(85/288/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 15 February 1985 the Italian Government
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in
respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the
programme'; whereas on 4 March 1985 it forwarded the
latest additional information concerning the pro-
gramme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the informa-
tion referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC)
No 2908/83;

Whereas a feature of aquaculture in Italy is the tradi-
tional shellfish and fish farming industry in lagoons
referred to as 'valliculture' which is of great economic
and social importance; whereas there are also many
fish and crustacean farming enterprises utilizing both
low- and high-technology rearing methods;

Whereas the programme proposes to encourage, on the
one hand, an increase in shellfish culture and the
restructuring of the lagoon areas by integrated rearing
methods, and on the other hand, the culture, in par-
ticular by establishing hatcheries and production units
in coastal waters and inland of certain high-market

value species of fish and crustaceans, the rearing tech-
nology for which appears well established;

Whereas the programme does not allow for public
funds for the rearing of trout and carp carried out
exclusively in fresh water;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy,
constitute a suitable framework for projects which may
qualify for financial support from the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of
aquaculture forwarded by the Italian Government on
15 February 1985, as last supplemented on 4 March
1985, the main features of which are set out in Annex I
hereto, is hereby approved subject to the provisions set
out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

ANNEX I

**MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83**

1. Objective of the programme

Development of aquaculture involving marine and catadromous species, by establishing economically viable hatcheries and production units utilizing low- and high-technology methods or integrated techniques.

2. Duration

The programme will cover the period from the beginning of 1985 until the end of 1990.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of Italy and its coastal waters, excepting hill and mountain areas.

4. Priorities and development policy

Future activity will be concentrated by priority on coastal and lagoon areas particularly suited to aquaculture and in areas with ground water supplies. Well established and economically reliable technology must be available.

Among the species covered by the programme, the most important are:

- molluscs: mussels, oysters,
- fish: gilthead bream, sea bass, mullet, eels,
- crustaceans: penaeid shrimps.

This programme does not allow for public funds for rearing trout and carp in fresh water.

5. Production targets

The production targets to be achieved by the end of the programme and present estimated production are as follows (between 1995 and 2000):

	<i>(tonnes)</i>	
	Present	1990
Eels	3 000	8 000
Sea bass	500	2 000
Gilthead bream	800	5 000
Mullet	3 500	9 000
Mussels	15 000	30 000
Oysters	1 000	3 000
Clams (tapes)	50	2 000
Penaeid shrimps	20	2 000

6. Investment requirement

To achieve the above production targets an investment of about 175 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

This sum includes an initial phase of works involving infrastructures for lagoon reclamation. The investment requirement for the first phase of the programme coinciding with the first two years 1985 to 1986, is about 59 million ECU.

National aid to be allocated to these investment may be estimated at 10 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Italian Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in Italy; it agrees with the Italian authorities' analysis of the development potential.
 2. The Commission points out that investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in Italy.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted by the Netherlands pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Dutch text is authentic)****(85/289/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restructuring, modernizing and developing the fishing industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas the Netherlands Government forwarded on 30 November 1984 a multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing industry, hereinafter called 'the programme'; whereas it forwarded on 13 February 1985 the latest additional information concerning this programme;

Whereas the period of implementation of the programme covers at least the proposed duration of the common measure, in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83;

Whereas the programme contains the information referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83;

Whereas the growth of the Dutch fishing fleet in recent years has resulted in overcapacity in relation to the stocks available; whereas the fleet, and in particular the cutter fleet, must be reduced in order to bring it into line with fish stocks;

Whereas a system of licences for the cutter fleet was introduced with effect from 1 February 1985 so that its capacity could be better controlled;

Whereas the vessels fishing for crustaceans need to be modernized;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to the production potential, the measures for the conservation and management of fish stocks, the demand for the products concerned and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for projects which may qualify for financial support from the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet forwarded by the Netherlands Government on 30 November 1984, as last supplemented on 13 February 1985, the main features of which are set out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE FISHING FLEET
DRAWN UP BY THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83****1. Purpose of the programme**

Restructuring of the fishing fleet with a view to adjusting its capacity to available fish stocks.

2. Delimitation of the area concerned by the programme

The territory of the Netherlands with the exception of the IJsselmeer.

3. Duration of the programme

The programme will remain in force until 31 December 1986.

4. Objective of the programme

The objective of the programme is to:

- search for a better relationship between production costs and returns, in association with catch possibilities; to this end, a reduction of the fleet is a first stage towards its adaptation to the catch possibilities,
- improve working and safety conditions on board,
- improve on-board conservation and processing of catches with a view to improving catch quality and thereby achieving greater economic efficiency.

5. The following measures are proposed to attain these objectives**5.1. Construction**

- reduction of the capacity of the cutter fleet to 460 000 hp and of the distant-water fleet to 70 000 hp,
- control of additions to the cutter fleet by means of a system of licences,
- promotion of definitive withdrawal from fishing activity,
- promotion of exploratory fishing, particularly in the case of the distant-water fleet,
- promotion of joint ventures so as to diversify the activity of the distant-water fleet,
- obligation to reduce the engine power of new flatfish vessels by 25 % compared with the power of the vessels they replace and which request State aids.

5.2. Modernization

Vessel modernization is encouraged provided it does not bring about an increase in engine power.

6. Investment forecasts (million ECU)

The total amount of investment envisaged for the duration of the programme is 44 million ECU to attain the foreseen objectives.

National aid planned for the period 1984 to 1986:

— Restructuring:	2,3 million ECU
— Exploratory fishing/joint ventures:	3,6 million ECU
— Definitive withdrawal:	1,2 million ECU
Total	7,1 million ECU

These figures, and the allocation among the various measures, are intended only as a guide.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Netherlands Government to serve as the future framework for Community and national aid constitutes an initial action, following the adoption of the common fisheries policy, to restructure investments in the medium term with the aim of ensuring satisfactory economic conditions for the fishing industry and of improving the income of the persons employed in the industry.

2. On the basis of the figures available at the start of 1985 on the capacity of the existing fleet plus vessels under construction, expressed in terms of engine power, in order to attain the objective which has been set the distant-water fleet would have to be reduced by about 20 000 hp.

For cutter-fishing, the diminution of power in order to realize the objective established entails a reduction of 75 000 hp to which should be added the increase after the introduction of the licencing system of 1 February 1985. The implementation of the programme will therefore have to be accompanied by continuous monitoring of developments in respect both of the construction of new vessels and the modernization of the existing fleet.

The Commission therefore request the Dutch authorities to keep it informed of developments in the structural situation and to take any measures necessary to ensure that capacity is properly adjusted, especially in the framework of the licensing system introduced for the cutter fleet with effect from 1 February 1985.

3. The Commission wishes to point out that the investment forecasts contained in the programme are without prejudice to any Community financial aid.
 4. The Commission considers, lastly, that the programme forecasts and their actual implementation should form the subject of a more detailed analysis, having regard in particular to the stock evaluation studies currently in progress, within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fishing undertakings in the Netherlands.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by the Netherlands pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Dutch text is authentic)****(85/290/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restructuring, modernizing and developing the fishing industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 18 November 1984 the Netherlands Government forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the programme';

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time required for the execution of the programme covers at least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83;

Whereas a feature of aquaculture in the Netherlands is the traditional shellfish farming industry which is of great economic and social importance; whereas, in addition, there are many fish farming enterprises in the Netherlands utilizing high-technology rearing methods;

Whereas the programme proposes to encourage an increase in shellfish culture and trout rearing in sea waters;

Whereas the programme does not allow for public funds for the rearing of trout and carp carried out exclusively in fresh water;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to production potential, the demand for the products concerned and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for projects which may qualify for financial support from the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture forwarded by the Netherlands Government on 18 November 1984, the main features of which are set out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in the Netherlands, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. Duration

The programme will cover the three years from the beginning of 1984 until the end of 1986.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of the Netherlands, its littoral and coastal waters.

4. Priorities and development policy

Future activity will be concentrated on species with good market prospects and with well-established rearing technology. Among these species the most important are:

- oysters,
- mussels,
- trout reared in seawater.

The programme does not allow for public funds for the rearing of trout and carp in fresh water.

5. Present output and production targets

	<i>(tonnes)</i>	
	Present	1988
Mussels	100 000	100 000
Oysters	500 to 1 000	1 000 to 1 500
Trout reared in sea water	50	150

6. Investment requirement

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 4 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 0,2 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the Netherlands Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes, constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in the Netherlands authorities' analysis of the development potential.
 2. The Commission points out that the investment requirements contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in the Netherlands.
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COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of the fishing fleet submitted by the
United Kingdom Government pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the English text is authentic)****(85/291/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 8 October 1984 the United Kingdom
Government forwarded a multiannual guidance
programme in respect of the fishing industry, here-
inafter referred to as 'the programme';

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of the Regulation;

Whereas the United Kingdom fleet consists, to a large
extent, of deep-sea vessels whose exploitation potential
is steadily falling owing to changes in the international
context; whereas, to ensure the rational restructuring of
this category of vessels, the programme provides for a
substantial reduction in production capacity; whereas
this measure will be financed by means of final cessa-
tion premiums;

Whereas the programme also provides for renewal of
the inshore fishing fleet; whereas the majority of
inshore fishing vessels are more than 20 years old;
whereas renewal is aimed chiefly at the modernization
of existing vessels and the replacement of vessels in a
condition warranting their withdrawal;

Whereas, for the purposes of the restructuring of the
fleet, a system of licences was introduced in February
1984 whereby additions to the fleet and, consequently,
the fishing effort can be controlled;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the measures for the conservation and
management of fish stocks, the demand for the
products concerned and the guidelines of the common
fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for
projects which may qualify for financial support from
the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of the
fishing fleet forwarded by the United Kingdom
Government on 8 October 1984, as last supplemented
on 19 February 1985, the main features of which are set
out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

ANNEX I

**MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF THE
FISHING FLEET DRAWN UP BY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83**

1. Purpose of the programme

Restructuring of the fishing fleet by the adaptation and partial modernization of the deep-sea fleet and the modernization and renewal of the inshore fleet.

2. Areas concerned

The entire territory of the United Kingdom.

3. Duration

The programme is valid from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1986.

4. Objective of the programme

The programme aims at the modernization and partial renewal of the fishing fleet, about 50 % of which (in terms of numbers as regards vessels longer than 12 meters) is more than 20 years old and which is not optimally distributed among the various types of fishing to the extent that the deep-sea fleet has to be reduced further and the inshore fleet has to be renewed and modernized without any significant increase in the actual capacity.

5. The following measures are proposed to attain this objective**5.1. Construction**

- reduction of the overall capacity of the deep-sea fleet to arrive at a tonnage of approximately 38 000 grt at 31 December 1986 and slight expansions of the inshore fleet to arrive at a tonnage of around 109 000 grt at the same date,
- encouragement of permanent withdrawal from fishing, without replacement in accordance with Directive 83/515/EEC,
- control of fishing activity in certain waters and in respect of certain stocks so as to avoid the risk of overfishing.

5.2. Modernization

Encouragement of the modernization of inshore and middlewater fishing vessels given the degree of obsolescence found in these categories.

6. Investments forecasts**6.1 For vessel construction (number and grt)**

United Kingdom fishing fleet

	Total	
	Number	grt
<i>Fleet additions</i>		
Deep sea	16	1 120
Inshore	164	4 286
Total	180	5 406
<i>Fleet withdrawals</i>		
Deep-sea	69	34 997
Inshore	83	3 320
Total	152	38 317

6.2 *Constructions by region*

	England and Wales		Scotland		Northern Ireland	
	Number	grt	Number	grt	Number	grt
Total	87	1 840	77	3 146	16	420

6.3 *Withdrawals by region*

	England and Wales		Scotland		Northern Ireland	
	Number	grt	Number	grt	Number	grt
Total	100	33 285	37	3 792	15	1 240

7. **Investment forecasts (million ECU)**

Total investments anticipated for the new vessel constructions 1984 to 1986: 65 million ECU. These financial data are indicative.

ANNEX II**CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the United Kingdom Government as a framework for future Community or national financing schemes, constitutes an initial measure, following the adoption of the common fisheries policy, to restructure the activities of the United Kingdom fleet in a manner which will ensure the appropriate development of the fleet in line with actual catch possibilities and will lead to an improvement in the incomes of those employed in the industry.

The established capacity targets should be coupled with a permanent system of management of the catch capacity linked with the management of the fishing resources.

This system, which has to be installed within a reasonable period, should include the monitoring of initiatives with regard to constructions of new vessels and modernization of the existing fleet.

In this connection, the Commission considers that the system of fishing licences introduced by the United Kingdom authorities can provide a measure of controlling fishing effort if it is improved.

Furthermore, the development of the engine power of the fleet should be monitored so as to avoid any likelihood of an increase in fishing effort. To this effort, the United Kingdom authorities will have to include arrangements for measuring engine power in their system.

2. The Commission requests the United Kingdom Government to ensure that measures taken by regional or local authorities are compatible with this programme.
3. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in this programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
4. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of the fishing industry in the United Kingdom.

COMMISSION DECISION**of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by the
United Kingdom pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the English text is authentic)****(85/292/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing
industry and for developing aquaculture ⁽¹⁾, and in
particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 7 December 1984 the United Kingdom
Government forwarded a multiannual guidance
programme in respect of aquaculture, hereinafter
referred to as 'the programme', whereas on 17 January
1985 it forwarded the latest additional information
concerning the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time
required for the execution of the programme covers at
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) NO 2908/
83;

Whereas a feature of aquaculture in the United
Kingdom is the recent development of salmonid culture
in salt water; whereas, in addition shellfish farming
offers undoubted potential, partly exploited at
present;

Whereas the programme proposes, in particular, to
continue the development of salmonid culture and to
increase production of cultivated shellfish;

Whereas the programme also proposes to encourage
some development of trout reared in fresh water;

whereas the Commission cannot approve this aspect of
the programme in view of the difficult situation on the
market for these products at the Community level;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy,
constitute a suitable framework for projects which may
qualify for financial support from the Community,
except for the part relating to trout reared in fresh
water;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of
aquaculture forwarded by the United Kingdom
Government on 7 December 1984, as last supplemented
on 17 January 1985, the main features of which are set
out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the
provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

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*ANNEX I***MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in the United Kingdom, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. Duration

The programme will cover the three years from the beginning of 1985 until the end of 1987.

3. Areas concerned

The whole of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, including all offshore islands.

4. Priorities and development policy

Future activity will be concentrated on species with good market prospects and with well-established rearing technology. Among these species the most important are:

- salmon,
- trout reared in sea water,
- mussels,
- oysters.

5. Present output and production targets

	<i>(tonnes)</i>	
	Present	1988
Oysters	417	1 000
Mussels	5 000	6 000
Salmon	4 000	6 000
Trout reared in sea water	50	500

6. Investment requirement

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 15 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 0,75 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the United Kingdom Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in the United Kingdom; it agrees with the United Kingdom authorities' analysis of the development potential.
 2. As far as the rearing of trout in fresh water is concerned, taking account of the existing situation at the Community level concerning the market for these products and in the expectation of the result of an in-depth analysis of the feasible development of the market, the Commission cannot approve that part of the programme.
 3. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
 4. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in the United Kingdom.
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