

Protocol on conditions relating to reciprocal access for fishing vessels of both Parties.

PROTOCOL between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica on conditions relating to reciprocal access for fishing vessels of both Parties

Article 1

1. Pursuant to Article 4 of the Agreement, the following number of licences will be issued to Community vessels registered in the French Departments of Guadeloupe and Martinique and not exceeding 30 feet in length, authorized to fish in the fishing zone of Dominica:

(a) in the area outside 12 miles from the baselines:

- 100 licences to fish demersal and pelagic species in the period 1 January to 31 December,
- 50 licences to fish pelagic species in the period 1 January to 30 June,
- 20 licences to fish demersal species in the period 1 July to 31 December; the number of these licences to be reviewed by the Joint Committee at the end of the first year of application of the Agreement;

(b) in the area between six to 12 miles from the baselines:

- 30 licences to fish for pelagic species for three months of the year.

2. Pursuant to Article 4 of the Agreement, the following number of licences will be issued to vessels registered in Dominica to fish in the fishing zone of the Community off the coasts of the French Departments of Martinique and Guadeloupe:

(a) in the area outside 12 miles from the baselines:

- 20 vessels not exceeding 30 feet in length to fish demersal and pelagic species in the period 1 January to 31 December;

(b) in the area between six to 12 miles from the baselines:

- the vessels mentioned in (a) may fish pelagic species for three months of the year.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2, each Party agrees to grant not more than five licences for vessels above 30 feet but not exceeding 40 feet in length to the other Party within the limits set out in this Protocol.

Article 2

1. Licence fees applicable to Community vessels fishing in the fishing zone of Dominica are fixed as follows:

- vessels not exceeding 30 feet: EC \$ 100 per vessel per annum,
- vessels above 30 and not exceeding 40 feet: EC \$ 150 per vessel per annum.

These fees will be reviewed by the Joint Committee after the first year of application of the Agreement.

2. Licence fees due for the duration of the Protocol in relation to the vessels referred to in Article 1 (2), have been taken into account in establishing the level of the financial compensation fixed in Article 3.

Article 3

1. The financial compensation referred to in Article 5 of the Agreement shall be set for the first three years of application of the Agreement at a flat rate of ECU 1 650 000, payable in three equal annual instalments. This financial compensation is without prejudice to any future Protocol.

2. The compensation shall be paid into an account opened with a financial institution chosen by the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Article 4

During the period of application of this Protocol, the Community shall contribute the sum of ECU 400 000 towards the financing of a scientific programme with the objective of gaining greater knowledge of the fishery resources in the waters of Dominica and in particular of the stocks referred to in Article 3 of the Agreement.

Article 5

The two Parties agree that improving the skills and knowledge of those involved in sea-fishing is a vital element in the success of their cooperation. To that end, the Community shall make it easier for nationals of Dominica to find places in establishments in its Member States and shall provide for that purpose awards for study and practical training in the various scientific, technical and economic disciplines relating to fisheries. The awards may also be used in any country linked with the Community by a cooperation agreement.

The total cost of the awards may not exceed ECU 150 000. At the request of the relevant authorities of Dominica, part of this sum may be used to cover the costs of participation in international meetings or training courses concerning fisheries. The sum shall be payable as and when it is used.