

(b) DECREE NO. 190 OF 7 FEBRUARY 1977 1/

The President of the Argentine nation decrees that:

ARTICLE 1 - The "Basic and specific rules governing rules governing agreements with privately-owned foreign companies for the exploitation of the living resources of the sea", as set forth in annex I hereto, which shall form an integral part of this decree, shall be approved.

ANNEX I

BASIC AND SPECIFIC RULES GOVERNING AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATELY-OWNED FOREIGN COMPANIES FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE SEA

A. Basic conditions

1. The fishing zone shall be situated south of latitude 40°; designated prohibited areas and a coastal belt 15 miles in width, calculated from the low-water-line, shall be respected.
2. Companies shall operate from ports situated south of latitude 40° S., preferably from Puerto Madryn, Comodoro Rivadavia or Caleta Córdova in the province of Chubut, Puerto Deseado or Punto Quilla in the province of Santa Cruz or Ashuaia in the National Territory of Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica and the South Atlantic Islands.
3. The catch quota shall not exceed 200,000 tons, of which 75 per cent shall consist of the species merluccius merluccius hubbsi (hake) and shall be allotted entirely to a single company or shared between a maximum of two companies.
4. Preference shall be given to tenders which offer the best conditions of access for our products to the countries of origin of the bidders and which do not involve the imposition of tariff controls on such products.
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7. Vessels engaged in research or fishing shall be repaired, take on general supplies and refuel in Argentine ports, except in duly authorized special circumstances.
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1/ Text provided by the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations in a note verbale of 7 June 1977. Translation by the Secretariat of the United Nations.