PROTOCOL OF FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, ON BEHALF OF SWEDEN, AND NORWAY FOR 2009

OSLO, 10 DECEMBER 2008

Consultations on the Swedish fishery in the Norwegian Economic Zone south of 62° North for 2009, within the framework of the fisheries agreement between Norway and Sweden of 9 December 1976, took place in Oslo on 10 December 2008 between a Norwegian Delegation, headed by Ms Ann Kristin WESTBERG and a Community Delegation on behalf of Sweden, headed by Mr John SPENCER.

1. REPORT ON THE SWEDISH FISHERY IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE

1.1. The Community Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, reported on the Swedish fishery during 2007 and 2008.

It was concluded that the official catch statistics were in conformity with the catch reports submitted by Swedish vessels to the Norwegian fisheries authorities.

1.2. In order to increase transparency, the Delegations agreed to further discuss cooperation in the field of catch statistics. In this context, it was agreed that monthly catch statistics for the preceding month, broken down by species for fisheries regulated under section 2.1 in the Norwegian Economic Zone will be forwarded.

2. QUOTAS AND LICENCES FOR A SWEDISH FISHERY IN THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC ZONE FOR 2009

2.1. Quotas

The Norwegian Delegation informed the Community Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, that the following quotas would be allocated to Sweden in the Norwegian Economic Zone in 2009:

	Tonnes	
Cod	382	
Haddock	707	
Saithe	880	
Pollack and Whiting	190	
Herring	846	
Mackerel	242	
Shrimps	164	
Industrial species, of which a maximum of 400 tonnes of horse mackerel	800	
Other species: At a tradition	At a traditional level	

By-catches of Cod, Saithe, Haddock, Pollack and Whiting shall be counted against the quotas for these species.

2.2. Licences

The Norwegian Delegation informed the Community Delegation, on behalf of Sweden, that the licences for Swedish vessels in 2009 will be issued on the same basis as previously, in line with established practice.

Regarding mackerel licences, applications shall be forwarded no later than 31 July 2009 and will be processed and issued before the mackerel fishery is opened in the Norwegian Economic Zone.

The two Delegations agreed that licences issued for fishing under this arrangement in the Norwegian Economic Zone may only be used by vessels flying the flag of Sweden.

Oslo, 10 December 2008

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