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STATEMENTS WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC NOVEMBER 1998

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STATEMENTS IN THE MINUTES WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC – NOVEMBER 1998 –			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES
2128th Council meeting (Consumers) on 3 November 1998 Council Regulation amending, for the third time, Regulation (EC) No 45/98 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1998 and certain conditions under which they may be fished Council Regulation on the recognition in intra-Community traffic of the distinguishing sign of the Member State in which motor vehicles and their trailers are registered Council Regulation laying down the criteria and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and the processing and marketing of its products (consolidated version of Regulation (EC) No 3699/93) Council Regulation on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat (consolidated version of Regulation (EC) No 3013/89) Council Directive on the quality of water intended for human consumption	11589/98		
	11912/98	262/98	
	11626/98		
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	11860/98 + COR 1 REV 1 (nl) + COR 2 (en) + COR 3 (es) + COR 4 (f,d,i,nl,dk,gr,es,p,fin,s)	263/98, 264/98, 265/98, 266/98,267/98, 268/98	Against I

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES
2130th Council meeting (Internal Market) on 9 November 1998 Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of services based on or consisting of conditional access	PE-CONS 3625/98		
2131st Council meeting (Health) on 12 November 1998 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98 laying down certain conservation and control measures applicable to fishing activities in the Antarctic	10195/98 + ADD 1		
2133rd Council meeting (Industry) on 16 November 1998 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 50/98 allocating for 1998, Community catch quotas in Greenland waters	11738/98 + COR 1 (fin)		

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES
2136th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Questions) on 23 November 1998			
Council Regulation (EC) concerning the application of minimum reserves by the European Central Bank	12260/98 + REV 1 (s) + REV 2 (i)	269/98	
Council Regulation (EC) concerning the collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank	12070/98 + COR 1 (d) + COR 2 (i) + REV 1 (s)	270/98	
Council Regulation (EC) concerning the powers of the European Central Bank to impose sanctions	12262/98 + COR 1 (i) + REV 1 (s)		

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES
2142nd Council meeting (Transport) on 30 November 1998 Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the coordinated introduction of a third-generation mobile and wireless communications system (UMTS) in the Community	PE-CONS 3628/98		Against I

STATEMENT 262/98

Re the Regulation as a whole

"The Council notes that as from 1 June 1998 each Member State will, if possible, recognise the distinguishing sign of the Member State of registration displayed in accordance with the requirements of the Annex to this Regulation in the case of vehicles moving on its territory which are registered in another Member State."

STATEMENT 263/98

Ad Article 4, paragraph 1(a):

"The Council, in considering amendment 8 of the European Parliament accepted by the Commission in its reexamined proposal, is of the opinion that Article 4(1)(a) also includes endocrine disrupting chemicals. However, as there is at present insufficient evidence on which base parametric values for endocrine disrupting chemicals at Community level are to be set, and being aware of their potential adverse impact on humans and wildlife, the Council invites the Commission to carry out a study on which, if appropriate, to base a proposal both for parametric values and monitoring frequencies for these chemicals."

STATEMENT 264/98

Statement by the Italian delegation containing an explanation of its "no" vote:

"In confirming its vote against the proposal for a Council Directive concerning the quality of water intended for human consumption, the Italian delegation wishes to set forth its reasons, which are linked to the failure to agree to certain requests for amendments to the text of the proposal for a Directive which it considers necessary to ensure the Directive's primary objective of protecting and safeguarding human health. In particular:

– **Article 10(1)**

The Italian delegation requested that derogations be confined to "exceptional natural or meteorological causes and serious accident or mishap".

– **Article 10(5)**

The Italian delegation mentioned the need for food consumers to be informed, by means of labels affixed to the sales packaging, when water subject to a derogation is used in the food industry. It accordingly asked that Article 10(5) be amended as follows:

"Member States which have recourse to the derogations referred to in this Article shall ensure that the population concerned by such derogation, including consumers of industrially prepared food products using water subject to a derogation, is promptly informed ...".

– **Article 18(4)**

As in the case of Article 10(5), the Italian delegation called for this paragraph to read as follows:

"Member States which have recourse to this Article shall ensure that the population concerned by the request, including consumers of industrially prepared food products using water subject to a derogation, is promptly informed ...".

STATEMENT 265/98

Ad Annex I, Part B, parameter "copper":

"France, Spain and Portugal [...] state that, given the widespread use of copper in domestic water systems in the European Union, the European Parliament's request that copper as an indicative parameter in this Directive be transferred to Part C of Annex I, the provisional nature of the most recent WHO recommendations, and the Commission's undertaking to reconsider the parametric value and the classification of copper should WHO recommendations be further revised and in full agreement with the Commission's view as set out in the explanatory memorandum to the proposal for this Directive, nothing in this Directive is designed to restrict the use of copper in water distribution systems or to suggest that such use represents a human health hazard."

STATEMENT 266/98

Ad Annex I, Part B, "copper" parameter:

"The Commission states that, as far as copper is concerned, it will review its parametric value and its classification once the WHO guidelines on the quality of drinking water have been revised."

STATEMENT 267/98

Ad Annex I, Part C, "radioactivity":

"The Belgian delegation is of the opinion that, in the implementation of Note 10 of Annex I, Part C and on the basis of the WHO recommendations, the calculation of the value of the "total indicative dose" parameter is not required when and where it has been established that the global alpha-activity does not exceed 0,1 Bq/l and the global beta-activity does not exceed 1 Bq/l."

STATEMENT 268/98

Re Annex I, Part C, Radioactivity, Note 10, paragraph 2:

"France interprets paragraph 2 of Note 10 as follows: a Member State can be assured that the measured levels of tritium or the calculated total indicative dose are well below the parametric values laid down in this Directive when this fact can be demonstrated on the basis of other monitoring carried out and in accordance with the monitoring arrangements to be defined pursuant to paragraph 1 of Note 10."

STATEMENT 269/98

The Council takes note of the introductory statement of the press conference by the President of the ECB after the Governing Council meeting of 7 July 1998 and in particular of the following paragraph on the minimum reserve system in Stage 3 of EMU:

"A number of details of the minimum reserve system that will be applied were already specified in previous documents published by the European Monetary Institute. Additional features agreed upon yesterday include the liability base, the lump-sum allowance and the rate of remuneration. With regard to the latter, the ECB will remunerate minimum reserve holdings at a level corresponding to the rate of its main refinancing operations."

STATEMENT 270/98

The Council takes note of the following statement by the ECB:

"In collecting the statistical information necessary to undertake the tasks of the ESCB as set out in Article 105 of the Treaty, the ECB will seek to minimise the reporting burden involved, in accordance with Article 3 of this regulation.

The ECB will use the information to satisfy a range of purposes within the limits set by the scope of these tasks."