

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 146/2007**of 15 February 2007****amending Regulation (EEC) No 3440/84 as regards conditions for certain trawls for vessels operating pump aboard systems**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 of 30 March 1998 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 48 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3440/84 ⁽²⁾ sets out detailed rules concerning the attachment of devices to trawls, Danish seines and similar nets.
- (2) In order to ensure the safety of the crews, supplementary measures on technical conditions as regards vessels operating pump aboard systems, which do not affect selectivity, should be implemented in 2007.
- (3) Regulation (EEC) No 3440/84 should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 3440/84 the following paragraph 4 is added:

‘4. By way of derogation of the provisions laid down in paragraph 2, it shall be permitted for vessels operating pump aboard systems to attach a codline at a distance which is no more than 10 m from the rear meshes of the codend, when fishing with trawls with a mesh size of less than 70 mm.’

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 February 2007.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 125, 27.4.1998, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2166/2005 (OJ L 345, 28.12.2005, p. 5).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 318, 7.12.1984, p. 23. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2122/89 (OJ L 203, 15.7.1989, p. 21).