

No. 8769

**DENMARK, NORWAY
and
SWEDEN**

**Agreement on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak
and the Kattegat (with Protocol). Signed at
Copenhagen, on 19 December 1966**

Official texts: Danish, Norwegian and Swedish.

Registered by Denmark on 27 September 1967.

**DANEMARK, NORVÈGE
et
SUÈDE**

**Accord concernant l'accès réciproque des zones de pêche
du Skagerrak et du Kattegat (avec Protocole). Signé
à Copenhague, le 19 décembre 1966**

Textes officiels danois, norvégien et suédois.

Enregistré par le Danemark le 27 septembre 1967.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8769. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN DENMARK, NORWAY AND SWEDEN ON RECIPROCAL ACCESS TO FISHING IN THE SKAGERRAK AND THE KATTEGAT. SIGNED AT COPENHAGEN, ON 19 DECEMBER 1966

The Governments of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, desiring to maintain the access of fishermen of the three countries to the fishery resources in the areas of the Skagerrak and the Kattegat which have long been a common fishing ground, have, with a view to the possibility of changes in the fishery limits of the three countries, agreed, as neighbouring countries, to enter into an arrangement based on the following provisions :

Article 1

The area to which this Agreement relates comprises the Skagerrak and the northern Kattegat bounded on the west by a straight line running through the Hanstholm lighthouse and the Lindesnes lighthouse and on the south by a straight line running through the Skagen lighthouse and the Tistlarna lighthouse.

Article 2

1. Each of the Contracting States shall, irrespective of such fishery limits as they may otherwise establish, permit vessels of the other two countries to engage in fishing in the water area specified in article 1 to a distance of four nautical miles (1 nautical mile = 1,852 metres) from the baseline of the territorial sea, with the result that the aforementioned water area shall, for the purposes of such fishing, be deemed to constitute the high seas.

2. To such extent as may be considered appropriate, an attempt shall be made through mutual consultation to establish as uniform regulations as possible in the three countries in respect of fishing in the area specified in article 1.

Article 3

1. This Agreement shall be ratified. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited in the archives of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

¹ Came into force on 7 August 1967, one month after the deposit of the last instrument of ratification, in accordance with article 3 (2).

2. The Agreement shall come into force one month after the date on which the last of the Contracting States deposits its instrument of ratification.

3. The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of thirty-five years and shall thereafter continue in force for successive periods of five years unless a Contracting State terminates it by giving written notice to the other Contracting States with effect from the expiry of the current period. Notice of termination must be given at least three years before the date of expiry.

The Agreement shall be deposited in the archives of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a certified copy shall be transmitted by the said Ministry to each of the Contracting States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Copenhagen on 19 December 1966 in one copy in the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish languages.

For the Government
of Denmark :

J. O. KRAG

For the Government
of Norway :

B. AUGDAHL

For the Government
of Sweden :

R. BAGGE

PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DENMARK, NORWAY
AND SWEDEN ON RECIPROCAL ACCESS TO FISHING IN THE
SKAGERRAK AND THE KATTEGAT

In connexion with the signing at Copenhagen this day of an Agreement between Denmark, Norway and Sweden on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat, the Contracting Governments make the following declaration :

The Governments of the three countries are agreed that if, before the Agreement comes into force, any of the Contracting States makes changes in its fishery limits in the area to which the Agreement relates, the said State shall not object if vessels of the other two countries continue to engage in fishing in the said area to a distance of four nautical miles (1 nautical mile = 1,852 metres) from the baseline of the territorial sea. This obligation shall cease if the Agreement does not come into force within two years after the changes are made.

DONE at Copenhagen on 19 December 1966 in one copy in the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish languages, which copy shall be deposited in the archives of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The said Ministry shall transmit a certified copy of the Protocol to each of the Contracting States.

For the Government
of Denmark :

J. O. KRAG

For the Government
of Norway :

B. AUGDAHL

For the Government
of Sweden :

R. BAGGE
