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GENERAL BUDGET - 2014 SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS No DEC 27/2014

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FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations

Commitments - 710 000

Payments - 710 000

TO

CHAPTER - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Agreements (SFAs)

Fisheries Agreements (SFAs)
ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs)

Commitments 710 000 Payments 710 000

I. INCREASE

a) Heading

11 03 01 - Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs)

b) Figures at 18/08/2014

		Commitments	Payments
1A. 1B.	Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB) Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	29 658 000 0	32 658 000 0
2.	Transfers	30 660 000	30 660 000
3.	Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	60 318 000	63 318 000
4.	Utilisation of final appropriation	28 992 244	26 753 405
5. 6.	Amount not used/available (3-4) Requirements up to year-end	31 325 756 32 035 756	36 564 595 37 274 595
7.	Increase proposed	710 000	710 000
8.	Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	2.39 %	2.17 %
9.	Increase, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

		Commitments	Payments
1.	Appropriation available at start of year	546 340	546 340
2.	Appropriation available on 18/08/2014	546 340	0
3.	Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	0.00 %	100.00 %

d) <u>Detailed grounds for the increase</u>

The new Protocol signed with the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe (see Decision 2014/334/EU, OJ L168 of 7 June 2014, p.1) will enable vessels from the European fleet to resume fishing activities in the waters of São Tomé within the new legal framework constituted by the Agreement; the Union is therefore committed to paying the financial contribution.

In accordance with Annex IV to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2007, the known or estimated amounts of the financial contributions for protocols concluded after 1 January of the year were assigned to budget line 40 02 41 (reserve).

The budget allocation is therefore now needed on operational line 11 03 01 in order to make the commitments and payments totalling EUR 710 000 which arise from the above-mentioned legal basis.

II. DECREASE

a) Heading

40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figures at 18/08/2014

•		Commitments	Payments
1A.	Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB) Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	117 342 000	114 342 000
1B.		0	0
2.	Transfers	-32 660 000	-32 660 000
3.	Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2) Utilisation of final appropriation	84 682 000	81 682 000
4.		0	0
5.	Amount not used/available (3-4) Requirements up to year-end	84 682 000	81 682 000
6.		n/a	n/a
7.	Proposed decrease	710 000	710 000
8.	Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A) Decrease, as a percentage of the final appropriation for the year, in the sum of transfers referred to in Article 26(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Regulation, calculated in accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Application	0.61 %	0.62 %
9.		n/a	n/a

c) Receipts arising from recovery (carried over) (C5)

		Commitments	Payments
1.	Appropriation available at start of year	0	0
2.	Appropriation available on 18/08/2014	0	0
3.	Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the decrease

The balance of commitment and payment appropriations currently available on the reserve line is sufficient to cover the increase on the operational line.

EUR 65 000 000 in payment appropriations will not be used. A request to transfer the payment appropriations was made in draft amending budget DAB 3/2014.