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GENERAL BUDGET - 2015 SECTION III - COMMISSION TITLES: 11, 40

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS N° DEC 20/2015

FROM

CHAPTER - 4002 Reserves for financial interventions

ARTICLE - 40 02 41 Differentiated appropriations Commitments -10 938 000,00

Payments -10 938 000,00

TO

CHAPTER - 1103 Compulsory contributions to Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and other International Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries

ARTICLE - 11 03 01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities Commitments 10 938 000,00 carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters

I. DECREASE

<u>l.1</u>

a) Heading

40 02 41 - Differentiated appropriations

b) Figure at 25/06/2015

	Commitments	Payments
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	87 802 756,00	87 802 756,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	-2 666 250,00	-2 391 250,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	85 136 506,00	85 411 506,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	0,00	0,00
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	85 136 506,00	85 411 506,00
6 Requirements up to year-end	74 198 506,00	74 473 506,00
7 Proposed decrease	10 938 000,00	10 938 000,00
8 Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	12,46 %	12,46 %
9 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	n/a	n/a

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

	Commitments	Payments
1 Appropriations available at start of the year	0,00	0,00
2 Appropriations available on 25/06/2015	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	n/a	n/a

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

The available commitment and payment appropriations in the reserve are sufficient to cover the reinforcement of the operational line.

II. INCREASE

II.1

a) Heading

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

b) Figure at 25/06/2015

	Commitments	Payments
1A Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	57 197 244,00	57 197 244,00
1B Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0,00	0,00
2 Transfers	2 666 250,00	2 391 250,00
3 Final appropriation for the year (1A+1B+2)	59 863 494,00	59 588 494,00
4 Utilisation of final appropriation	59 149 753,45	27 247 253,45
5 Amount not used/available (3-4)	713 740,55	32 341 240,55
6 Requirements up to year-end	11 651 740,55	43 279 240,55
7 Proposed increase	10 938 000,00	10 938 000,00
8 Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	19,12 %	19,12 %
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 Appropriations available at start of the year	713 740,55	713 740,55
2 Appropriations available on 25/06/2015	0,00	0,00
3 Rate of utilisation [(1-2)/1]	100,00 %	100,00 %

d) Detailed grounds for the transfer

On 8 October 2014, the Council adopted the Decision (2014/733/EU) on the signature of the provisional application of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement (SFPA) and its Implementation Protocol with the Republic of Senegal. On 20 October 2014, this Agreement and its Implementation Protocol were signed between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal.

Furthermore, on 16 October 2014, the Council adopted the Decision (2014/782/EU) on the signature of the provisional application of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and its Implementation Protocol with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau. On 24 November 2014, this Agreement and its Implementation Protocol were signed between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Therefore, it is proposed to transfer the necessary appropriations (commitments and payments) from the reserve to the operational line 11 03 01 to allow the second instalments under the above mentioned Protocols.

From the total transfer proposal of EUR 10 938 000, the amount of EUR 1 738 000 relates to the SFPA with Senegal and the amount of EUR 9 200 000 is necessary for the SFPA with Guinea-Bissau.