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#### SLOVAKIA

#### Chapter 8 - Fisheries

##### 1. The *acquis* <sup>1</sup>

The *acquis* under this chapter consists of regulations, which do not require transposition into national legislation. However, the applicant countries are encouraged to introduce legislation before accession to prepare the administration and the operators in this sector for participation in the Common Fisheries Policy and to provide for implementation of the *acquis* on accession.

Although it does not prescribe a specific administrative structure, the *acquis* lays down detailed requirements in terms of the tasks to be carried out and the ways and means to be used in the areas of market policy, conservation, inspection and control of resources, and fleet registration.

##### 2. The negotiations

The chapter has been closed with ten countries and provisionally closed with Bulgaria and Romania. Specific transitional arrangements have been requested by Latvia, Malta and Poland.

**Chapter opened:** October 2000

**Status:** closed in December 2002 (provisionally closed in October 2000)

**Transitional arrangements:** none

##### 3. Latest Assessment by the European Commission <sup>2</sup>

In its 1997 Opinion, the Commission concluded that Slovakia would not encounter any major difficulties in integrating its fisheries sector into the Common Fisheries Policy. However, the

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<sup>1</sup> Information largely drawn from the European Commission, DG Enlargement  
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/negotiations/index.htm>

<sup>2</sup> European Commission, Regular Report on Slovakia 2002, p. 71:  
[http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/report2002/sk\\_en.pdf](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/report2002/sk_en.pdf)

Commission stressed that it would be necessary for Slovakia to ensure compliance with the EC's health, hygiene and environmental standards.

Since the Opinion, Slovakia has consistently progressed and alignment with the *acquis* in this sector is largely satisfactory. The necessary administrative structures are broadly in place.

Negotiations on this chapter have been provisionally closed. Slovakia has not requested any transitional arrangements in this area. Slovakia is generally meeting the commitments it has made in the accession negotiations in this field.

In order to complete preparations for membership, Slovakia's efforts now need to focus on further reinforcing its capacity for implementation and enforcement, in particular with regard to the administration of future structural actions under the Common Fisheries Policy.

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