STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 185

SEA FISHERIES

The Unlicensed Fishing for Crabs and Lobster Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - -	*24th April 2008*
Coming into operation	*30th May 2008*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 124(1) and (2) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**1**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Unlicensed Fishing for Crabs and Lobster Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 30th May 2008.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

"crabs" means spider crabs of the species *Maia squinado,* velvet crabs of the species *Necora puber,* edible crabs of the species *Cancer pagorus* and green crabs of the species *Cancinus maenas*;

"day" means the 24 hour period commencing at midnight on one day and ending immediately before midnight on the next following day;

"licensed fishing vessel" means a fishing vessel in respect of which a licence has been issued under section 4 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(**2**) or under similar fisheries related provisions by another Member State or by the appropriate authorities in the Isle of Man or by another country;

"lobster" means lobster of the species *Homarus gammarus*;

"Northern Ireland inshore waters" has the same meaning as in the Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001(**3**);

(**1**) 1966 c. 17 (NI); section 124 was amended by Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001
(**2**) 1967 c.84; section 4 was amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976
(**3**) 2001 c.4