STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 423

SEA FISHERIES

Mussels (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*14th October 1999*
Coming into operation	*11th November 1999*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 19(1) and 124(1) and (2) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mussels (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 11th November 1999.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

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

"mussels" means fish of the species Mytilus edulis;

"Northern Ireland inshore waters" means waters within British fishery limits which are adjacent to Northern Ireland and are not nearer to any point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man is measured than to any point on the corresponding Northern Irish baselines.

Prohibition

3. Subject to regulation 4, fishing for mussels, other than for direct human consumption, within Northern Ireland inshore waters, is prohibited.

Exemptions

4. The prohibition contained in these Regulations shall not apply to—

(a) any person who is not a British fisherman;

(**1**) 1966 c. 17; section 124 was substituted by S.I.1981/227 (N.I. 7)Art. 6