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FISHERIES

The Undersized Lobsters Order (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made	*8th September 1993*
Coming into operation . .	*11th October 1993*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 127(1) and (3A) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Undersized Lobsters Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 11th October 1993.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

"carapace length" in relation to a lobster, means the length from the carapace, measured parallel to the mid-line from the back of either eye socket to the distal edge of the carapace, as shown in the Schedule;

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

Prescribed minimum size

3. For the purposes of section 127(1) of the Act (which prohibits in Northern Ireland the bringing to land, landing, sale, offering or exposure for sale, or the possession, apart from the possession of lobsters purchased by retail in a shop, of any sea-fish of any description, being a fish of a smaller size than such size as may be prescribed in relation to sea-fish of that description) a carapace length of 85 millimetres is hereby prescribed as the minimum size in relation to lobsters.

Exemption

4. The bringing to land, landing, sale, exposure or offer for sale or possession of lobsters which are landed from foreign fishing boats is exempted from the prohibitions imposed by section 127(1) of the Act as read with Article 3.

(**a**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7) Article 10(2) and Schedule 4 and S.I. 1991/1466 (N.I. 13)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 8th September 1993.

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