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FISHERIES

The Undersized Whiting Order (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made . . . . . *26th February 1993*

Coming into operation . . *12th April 1993*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 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 Whiting Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 12th April 1993.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

"length" in relation to a whiting, means length from the tip of the snout to the extreme end of the tail fin;

"Whiting" means whiting of the species *Merlangius merlangus*.

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 for the purpose of sale, 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 length of 27 centimetres is hereby prescribed as the minimum size in relation to whiting.

Exemption

4. The bringing to land, landing, sale, exposure or offer for sale or possession for the purpose of sale of whiting 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)