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FISHERIES

Fisheries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made	*29th April 1983*
Coming into operation . . .	*13th June 1983*

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 20(1) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it appropriate as representing any interests concerned, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 13th June 1983.

Adoption of metric units

2. The Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**) shall be amended as follows:

(*a*) in section 51(2) (which relates to the length of immature salmon or trout) for "eight inches" there shall be substituted "20 centimetres";

(*b*) in section 52(2) (which relates to the length of undersized pollen) for "seven and one half inches" there shall be substituted "19 centimetres";

(*c*) in section 56(1)(*a*) [*c*] (which relates to the use of fishing engines at or in the vicinity of dams) for "two hundred yards" there shall be substituted "200 metres";

(*d*) in section 56(1)(*b*) [*c*] (which relates to the use of a rod or line at or in the vicinity of dams) for "five yards" there shall be substituted "5 metres";

(*e*) in section 59(1)(*b*) (which relates to the space between the bars of gratings set in watercourses) for "two inches" there shall be substituted "5.1 centimetres";

(*f*) in section 67(1) (which relates to the mesh size of nets made of non-rigid material for taking salmon in the sea or tideways) for "one and three quarter inches" there shall be substituted "4.4 centimetres" and for "seven inches" there shall be substituted "17.6 centimetres";

(*g*) in section 68(1) (which relates to the width of the meshes or openings of engines made of rigid material for taking salmon in the sea or tideways) for "three inches" there shall be substituted "7.5 centimetres" and for "two inches" there shall be substituted "5 centimetres";

(*h*) in section 69(1)(*b*) (which relates to the offence of using salmon nets near the mouths of rivers) for "half a mile" there shall be substituted "805 metres";

(*i*) in section 72(1)(*b*) (which relates to the mesh size of nets for taking fish in fresh-water) for "one and three quarter inches" there shall be substituted "4.4 centimetres" and for "seven inches" there shall be substituted "17.6 centimetres";

(**a**) S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)
(**b**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
[**c**] As inserted by 1968 c. 31 (N.I.) s. 5