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FISHERIES

The Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . *5th November* 1976

Coming into operation . . . *1st January* 1977

The Department(a) of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 127 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1977.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "size" means—

(*a*) in relation to any fish of any of the descriptions in the first column of the Schedule, other than escallops and lobsters, the size calculated by measuring in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme end of the tailfin when the fish is laid out flat.

(*b*) in relation to any escallop the size calculated by measuring in a straight line across its greatest length, and

(*c*) in relation to any lobster the size calculated by measuring in a straight line from the rear edge of the eye socket to the mid-point of the hind edge of the carapace.

Prohibition

3. A person shall not land, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or have in his possession for the purpose of sale or processing or otherwise using in the course of business, any sea fish of the descriptions specified in the first column of the Schedule being a fish of a smaller size than the sizes specified in the second column of the Schedule.

Revocation

4. The Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(c) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 5th November 1976.

(L.S.)

E. G. Sherrard
Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Section 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 96 (p. 378)