the Ministry of Finance hereby prescribes that the rates at which Claims Fund Charges are to be levied in respect of all licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor by retail granted or renewed during the year ending the 30th September 1968, shall be 11s. for each pound sterling of the maximum rates of charge authorised by Sub-Section (3)(*b*) of Section 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, as amended as aforesaid.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 5th day of April 1967, in the presence of

(L.S.) *James Reid,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Rules prescribe the rates at which Claims Fund Charges are to be imposed in respect of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor by retail to be granted or renewed during the year ending 30th September 1968.

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FISHERIES

Eel Fishing

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH APRIL 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter called the "Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) (hereinafter called the "Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

ANNUAL LICENCE DUTIES

1. There shall be payable to the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland by way of licence duties in respect of licences for the use of the fishing engines referred to in column 1 of the Schedule for the taking of eels, the amounts respectively specified in column 2 of the Schedule.

(**a**) 1966, c. 17 (N.I.).

PART II

MINIMUM APERTURES AND CONFORMATION IN FISHING ENGINES

2. There shall not be used for the purpose of taking eels any net with a mesh of less size than one-quarter inch from knot to knot, to be measured along the side of the square, or one-half inch to be measured on the stretched or diagonal mesh, such measurements being taken when the net is wet.

3. The apertures in the automatic eel weir at Portna shall be not less than one-quarter inch in diameter.

4. The apertures between the bars in the eel weir at Rademon shall be not less than one-quarter inch.

PART III

MINIMUM SIZES OF EELS

5.—(1) Subject to this Regulation, no person shall wilfully take, kill or destroy, or buy, sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in his custody or possession any undersized eels.

(2) Where, in the course of any fishing operations, any undersized eels are taken, those eels shall be returned immediately to the waters from which they were taken.

(3) The provisions of this Regulation shall not apply with regard to silver eels.

(4) In this Regulation the expression "undersized eels" means eels of a length less than sixteen inches measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail and the expression "silver eels" means physiologically maturing eels in spawning livery migrating or waiting to migrate to the sea.

PART IV

SIZE OF HOOK

6. No person shall use on any long line for the purpose of taking eels in any inland waters in Northern Ireland, other than the Londonderry Area, a hook the shank of which is less than twenty-three millimetres in length and the gape of which that is to say the distance between the point and the shank, is less than 7·75 millimetres.

7. The Bye-Laws made by the Ministry of Agriculture dated the 17th day of July 1964 entitled Eel Fishing (Size of Hook) Bye-Laws (Northern Ireland) 1964(**a**) are hereby revoked.

PART V

TIMES OF FISHING

8.—(1) No person shall maintain any fixed wing net in fishing order during the daytime.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed as rendering liable to any penalty a person who satisfies the Court that he was prevented by floods, storm or stress of weather from complying with that paragraph.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 139.