STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 2004

SEA FISHERIES

LANDING AND SALE OF SEA FISH

The Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1973

Made - - -	*29th November* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*7th December* 1973
Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1974

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 6 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(**a**) as the latter section is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 of Part II of Schedule 1 to, the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry(**c**), hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order:—

'the specified waters' means the waters described in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Prohibition on Landing

3. Except as hereinafter provided, the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) caught in the specified waters is hereby prohibited.

Exception from the Prohibition on Landing

4.—(1) There shall be excepted from the prohibition contained in Article 3 of this Order the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock caught in the specified waters provided that:—

(**a**) 1967 c. 84. (**b**) 1968 c. 77.
(**c**) For transfer of function from the Board of Trade to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry *see* the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293)). (**d**) 1889 c. 63.

(i) the haddock were caught in the course of fishing for sea fish of any description other than haddock; and

(ii) the haddock so caught are comprised in a catch the whole or part of which was taken in the specified waters and do not exceed in weight one-tenth of the total weight of the catch landed in the United Kingdom or, if only part of the catch was taken in the specified waters, one-tenth of the total weight of that part landed as aforesaid.

(2) Notwithstanding the exception contained in Article 4(1) of this Order the prohibition contained in Article 3 of this Order shall apply to the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock caught during the period 1st March 1974 to 31st May 1974 (both dates inclusive):—

(*a*) in those parts of the specified waters described in Part I of Schedule 2 to this Order; or

(*b*) in that part of the specified waters described in Part II of Schedule 2 to this Order with hooks having a gape of less than 3 centimetres.

Powers of British Sea-Fishery Officers

5. For the purpose of the enforcement of this Order there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) and (3) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th November 1973.

(L.S.) *Joseph Godber,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Gordon Campbell,
27th November 1973. Secretary of State for Scotland.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
29th November 1973. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE 1

The area bounded by the coasts of Nova Scotia, west of Halifax; New Brunswick; Maine; New Hampshire; Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to a point 71° 40′ west longitude; and thence by straight lines connecting the following co-ordinates in the order listed:—

39° 00′ north, 71° 40′ west,

39° 00′ north, 63° 20′ west;

44° 20′ north, 63° 20′ west;

Halifax, Nova Scotia.

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

Those two parts of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean which are respectively bounded by straight lines connecting the following co-ordinates in the order listed:

(*a*) 42° 20′ north, 67° 00′ west;
41° 15′ north, 67° 00′ west;
41° 15′ north, 65° 40′ west;
42° 00′ north, 65° 40′ west;
42° 20′ north, 66° 00′ west.

(*b*) 42° 04′ north, 65° 44′ west;
42° 40′ north, 64° 30′ west;
43° 00′ north, 64° 30′ west;
43° 00′ north, 66° 32′ west;
42° 20′ north, 66° 32′ west;
42° 20′ north, 66° 00′ west.

PART II

That part of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean bounded by straight lines connecting the following co-ordinates in the order listed:

42° 10′ north, 69° 55′ west;
41° 10′ north, 69° 10′ west;
41° 35′ north, 68° 30′ west;
41° 50′ north, 68° 45′ west;
41° 50′ north, 69° 00′ west.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order which is made under sections 6 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 implements a recommendation of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

The Order prohibits the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock caught in a specified area of the Northwest Atlantic. It excepts from the prohibition the landing of such haddock caught whilst fishing for any other species of fish provided the haddock do not exceed 10% of the total weight of the catch (or that part of the catch) taken in the specified area. However the exception does not apply to the landing of haddock caught during the period 1st March to 31st May 1974 in certain defined parts of the specified area of the Northwest Atlantic.

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