STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 781

SEA FISHERIES

LANDING AND SALE OF SEA FISH

The Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977

Made - - - -	*2nd May* 1977
Laid before Parliament	*6th May* 1977
Coming into Operation	*9th May* 1977

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 by section 9(1) of and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2 to the Fishery Limits Act 1976**(c)** and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf after consultation with the Secretary of State for Trade **(d)**, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 9th May 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"undersized haddock" means any haddock less than 27 centimetres in length measured from tip of the snout to the extreme end of the tail fin;

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

Prohibition of landings

3. Subject to the provisions of Article 4 below the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock (melanogrammus aeglefinus) caught in any waters is hereby prohibited.

(a) 1967 c. 84. **(b)** 1968 c. 77. **(c)** 1976 c. 86

(d) For transfer of functions from the Board of Trade to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and subsequently to the Secretary of State for Trade see the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Order 1970 (SI 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293)) and the Secretary of State (New Departments) Order 1974 (SI 1974/692 (1974 I, p. 2711)).

(e) 1889 c. 63.

Exceptions from prohibition of landing

4. The prohibition imposed by Article 3 above is imposed subject to the following exceptions—

(*a*) the landing of haddock which are not undersized haddock and are gutted prior to landing;

(*b*) the landing from a catch taken on any one voyage of a quantity, not exceeding in total 12 cwts, of haddock which are not undersized haddock and are not gutted prior to landing.

5. Nothing in this order shall prevent the landing of any undersized haddock which may be landed in accordance with the provisions of any order made under section 1(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 and in force.

Enforcement

6. For the purposes of the enforcement of this order there are hereby conferred on every British sea fishery officer all the powers of a British sea fishery officer under section 8(2) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 as subsection (4) is amended by section 9(1) of and paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 2 to the Fishery Limits Act 1976.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 29th April 1977.

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Bruce Millan,
27th April 1977. Secretary of State for Scotland.

Roy Mason,
2nd May 1977. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prohibits the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock wherever caught but excepts from this prohibition the landing of legal sized haddock gutted prior to landing and legal sized ungutted haddock to a maximum of 12 cwts from the catch from any one voyage. The Order also provides that nothing in its provision prevents the landing of any under sized haddock which may be lawfully landed by virtue of an Order made under Section 1 of the Sea Fish Conservation Act 1967 and confers powers on British sea fishery officers for the purposes of enforcement of the Order.

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