STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 2076

SEA FISHERIES

LANDING AND SALE OF SEA FISH

The Immature Cod and Haddock (Distant Waters) Order 1968

Made - - - -	30*th December* 1968
Laid before Parliament	7*th January* 1969
Coming into Operation	8*th January* 1969

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and the Home Department (being the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland) in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 6 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with the Board of Trade, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Immature Cod and Haddock (Distant Waters) Order 1968 and shall come in operation on 8th January 1969.

2.—(1) In this Order—

"length" means the length of the whole fish measured from tip of snout to extreme end of tail fin;

"the specified waters" means the waters of the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans which lie to the north of a line drawn east from the meridian of 44° west longitude along the parallel of 59° north latitude to the meridian of 42° west longitude, thence south to the parallel of 48° north latitude, thence east to the meridian of 18° west longitude, thence north to the parallel of 60° north latitude, thence east to the meridian of 5° west longitude, thence north to the parallel of 60° 30° north latitude, thence east to the meridian of 4° west longitude, thence north to the parallel of 62° north latitude, thence east to the meridian of 51° east longitude;

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if this Order and the Orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The Sea-Fishing Industry (Landing of Immature Cod and Haddock) Order 1964(**c**) and the Sea-Fishing Industry (Landing of Immature Cod and Haddock) (Variation) Order 1964(**d**) are hereby revoked.

4. The landing in the United Kingdom of sea fish of the following descriptions, being fish caught in the specified waters, is hereby prohibited:—

Cod (Gadus morhua) of a length of 30 centimetres and over but less than 34 centimetres; and

Haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus) of a length of 27 centimetres and over but less than 31 centimetres.

(**a**) 1967 c. 84.
(**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1964/422 (1964 I, p. 706).
(**d**) S.I. 1964/1808 (1964 III, p. 3940).

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 18th December 1968.

(L.S.) *Cledwyn Hughes,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 19th December 1968.

(L.S.) *William Ross,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 30th December 1968.

James Callaghan,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order supersedes the Sea-Fishing Industry (Landing of Immature Cod and Haddock) Order 1964 as varied by the Sea-Fishing Industry (Landing of Immature Cod and Haddock) (Variation) Order 1964. It prohibits the landing in the United Kingdom of cod and haddock between specified lengths caught in defined waters. (The landing of cod and haddock below the lower specified lengths is prohibited by the Immature Sea-Fish Order 1968 (1968, No. 1618).)

The lengths specified in this Order are the same as those prescribed in the 1964 Orders but the defined waters cover a larger area of the North Atlantic, including the Faroes area.