STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1413

SEA FISHERIES

LANDING AND SALE OF SEA FISH

The Rockall Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1978

Made - - -	*28th September* 1978
Laid before Parliament	*4th October* 1978
Coming into Operation	*9th October* 1978

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and the Secretary of State for Wales, jointly in exercise of the powers conferred 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 now vested in them by virtue of Article 2(3) of the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978(**d**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Secretary of State for Trade hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Rockall Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 9th October 1978.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order—

"Rockall area" means the area described in the Schedule to this order.

(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 landing

3. Subject to the provisions of article 4 below during the period from 9th October 1978 until 31 December 1978 (both dates inclusive) landing in the United Kingdom of haddock (melanogrammus aeglefinus) caught in the Rockall area is prohibited.

Exception from prohibition of landing

4.—(1) The prohibition imposed in Article 3 shall not apply to the landing of haddock (other than undersized haddock) caught within the Rockall area by a fishing boat other than a British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom.

(**a**) 1967 c. 84. (**b**) 1968 c. 77. (**c**) 1976 c. 86.
(**d**) S.I. 1978/272. (**e**) 1889 c. 63.

(2) In this article "undersized haddock" means any haddock less than 27 cms in length measured from the tip of its snout to the extreme end of its tail fin.

5. Nothing in this order shall prevent the landing of any undersized haddock which may be landed in accordance with the provision 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 19th September 1978.

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

18th September 1978

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

28th September 1978

Roy Mason,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

27th September 1978

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

Article 2(1)

SCHEDULE

The area of sea bounded by a line commencing at the point of intersection of the parallel of 60° 00′ north latitude, and the meridian of 12° 00′ west longitude running due west to the meridian of 18° 00′ west longitude; thence due south to the parallel of 54° 30′ north latitude; thence due east to the meridian of 12° 00′ west longitude and thence due north to the point of commencement.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prohibits the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock caught in waters off Rockall (ICES Area VIB) by a British fishing boat. The Order also provides that nothing in its provision prevents the landing of any undersized 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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