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FISHERIES

Sea Fish (Minimum Size) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . 28*th June* 1979

Coming into operation . . . . 1*st July* 1979

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 127 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1979.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, "the principal Order" means the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

Amendment of Principal Order

3.—(1) The amendments set out in paragraphs (2) to (5) shall be made in the principal Order.

(2) In Article 2(*a*) for the words "escallops and lobsters" there shall be substituted "escallops, lobsters and nephrops".

(3) After Article 2(*c*) there shall be inserted the following:—

"(*d*) in relation to any nephrops the size calculated by measuring from the rear of either eye socket to the rear end of the carapace along a line parallel to the centre line thereof."

(4) In the Schedule for the size of 25 centimetres specified in respect of whiting (*Gadus merlangus*) in the second column there shall be substituted 27 centimetres.

(5) The following description and size of sea fish shall be inserted at the end of the Schedule:—

"Nephrops (*Nephrops norvegicus*) . . 2.5 centimetres".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 28th June 1979.

(L.S.) *E. G. Sherrard*
Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 333 (II, p. 1671)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 which prescribes minimum sizes for various species of sea fish which it is permissible to land, sell or use in the course of business in Northern Ireland. It raises the minimum size for whiting from 25 centimetres to 27 centimetres and adds nephrops to the list of species. The minimum size of 2.5 centimetres carapace length prescribed for nephrops is equivalent to an overall length of approximately 8.6 centimetres.