1981 No. 106

FISHERIES

Sea-Fish (Minimum Size) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*1st April 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*1st May 1981*

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 127(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**), as amended(**c**), 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) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1981.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, "the principal Order" means the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981(**d**).

Amendment of Principal Order

3.—(1) The amendment set out in paragraph (2) shall be made in the principal Order.

(2) In Article 3 for the size of 8 centimetres specified in respect of lobsters there shall be substituted 8.3 centimetres.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 1st April 1981.

(L.S.) *J. F. W. Shanks*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)
(**c**) By S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7)
(**d**) S.R. 1981 No. 25

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 (S.R. 1981 No. 25) which prescribes minimum sizes for escallops and lobsters which it is permissible to land, sell or use in the course of business in Northern Ireland. It raises the minimum size for lobsters from 8 centimetres to 8.3 centimetres.

A person who contravenes this Order or the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 is guilty of an offence for which a penalty is prescribed by section 127(9) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (as amended by the Fisheries Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1981). The penalty is a fine on summary conviction not exceeding £1,000.