**1983 No. 417**

**FISHERIES**

# Sea-Fish (Minimum Size) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983

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| *Made* . . . . . | *14th December 1983* |
| *Coming into operation* . . . | *1st January 1984* |

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 127(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) 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) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1984.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In this Order—

"scallop" means fish of the species *Pecten maximus*;

"lobster" means fish of the species *Homarus gammarus*;

"size" means—

(*a*) in relation to any scallop the size calculated by measuring in a straight line across its greatest length, and

(*b*) in relation to any lobster the size calculated by measuring from the rear of either eye socket to the rear edge of the carapace along a line parallel to the centre line thereof.

*Prescribed minimum sizes*

**3.** For the purposes of section 127(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (which prohibits in Northern Ireland the bringing to land, landing, sale, offering or exposure for sale, or the possession for the purpose of sale, of any sea-fish of any description, being a fish of a smaller size than such size as may be prescribed in relation to sea-fish of that description) there are hereby prescribed—

(*a*) for scallops 110 millimetres, and

(*b*) from 31st December 1983 until 30th April 1984 for lobsters 83 millimetres.

*Exception*

**4.** The prescription in Article 3 shall not apply to the landing in Northern Ireland of undersized scallops by any person who is not a British citizen.

*Revocation*

**5.** The Sea-Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983(**b**) is hereby revoked.

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(**a**) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1981/227 (N.I. 7) Article 10(2) and Schedule 4
(**b**) S.R. 1983 No. 71

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 14th December 1983.

(L.S.) *R. E. Aiken*
Assistant Secretary

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prescribes for the purposes of section 127(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, as amended, minimum sizes of 110 millimetres for scallops and, until 30th April 1984, 83 millimetres for lobsters.

The prescription in Article 3 of the Order does not apply to the landing in Northern Ireland of undersized scallops by any person who is not a British citizen.

The Order also revokes the Sea-Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. 1983 No. 71).

A person who commits an offence under section 127 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, as amended, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000.