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FISHERIES

Undersized Sea Fish

ORDER, DATED 22ND MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 127 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 127 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) hereinafter called "the Act" and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea Fish (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972.

2. In relation to the sea fish the descriptions of which are set out in the first column of the Schedule hereto, the measurements set out in the second column of the Schedule opposite each description shall be the prescribed minimum size of such sea fish for all the purposes of Section 127 of the Act.

3. The said sizes shall be calculated by measuring in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme end of the tail fin when the fish is laid flat.

4. For all purposes of Section 127 of the Act the prescribed minimum size of any escallop shall be eleven centimetres measured across its greatest length.

5. The Sea Fishing Industry (Immature Sea Fish) Order (Northern Ireland) 1957(b) and the Escallops (Minimum Size) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967(c) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of March 1972.

(L.S.) *R. Shaw,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1966, c. 17 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 177.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 306.

SCHEDULE

	Centimetres
Cod (*Gadus calarias*)	30
Haddock (*Gadus aeglefinus*)	27
Hake (*Merluccius merluccius*)	30
Plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa*)	25
Witches (*Glyptocephalus cynoglosus*)	28
Lemon Soles (*Microstomus kitt*)	25
Soles (*Solea solea*)	24
Turbot (*Scophthalmus maximus*)	30
Brill (*Scophthalmus rhombus*)	30
Megrims (*Lepidorhombus whiff*)	25
Whiting (*Gadus merlangus*)	25
Dabs (*Pleuronectes limanda*)	15

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order consolidates and amends the existing Orders relating to the minimum size of sea fish which may be offered or exposed for sale in Northern Ireland.