The Sea-Fishing Industry (Crabs and Lobsters) Order, 1951

1951 No. 638

Made - - - -	10*th April*, 1951
Laid before Parliament	11*th April*, 1951
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1951

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland, in pursuance of section four of the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933(a), as amended by section thirty-eight of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea-Fishing Industry (Crabs and Lobsters) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the first day of May, 1951.

2. No person shall, in Great Britain, land, sell, expose or offer for sale, or have in his possession for the purpose of sale,—

(1) any crab which measures less than four inches and a half across the broadest part of the back;

(2) any lobster which measures less than nine inches from the tip of the beak to the end of the tail when spread as far as possible flat;

(3) any lobster which is carrying any spawn attached to the tail or some other exterior part of the lobster, or which is in such a condition as to show that, at the time when it was taken, it was carrying spawn so attached.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 10th day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

T. Williams,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 10th day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Hector McNeil,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prohibits the landing, sale or possession for sale in Great Britain of crabs measuring less than 4½ inches in breadth and of lobsters measuring less than 9 inches in length. The previous minima were 4¼ inches and 8 inches respectively, under sections 8 (1) and 9 of the Fisheries (Oysters, Crabs and Lobsters) Act, 1877; these provisions are automatically repealed on the coming into operation of the present Order (see section 4 (7) of the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933, as amended by the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938).

The Order also prohibits the landing, sale or possession for sale in Great Britain of "berried" lobsters.

The Order comes into operation on the 1st May, 1951.

(a) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 45. (b) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 30.