ten meshes from the lacings, such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2cm. in 8cm. and a thickness of 3/32 in. or 2·3 mm., inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb. or 4·5 kg. nor more than 15 lb. or 6·8 kg. and

(*b*) in any part of the net other than the cod-end the average of the measurements of the meshes in any series of twenty consecutive meshes, such series to be at least ten meshes from the lacings, and such measurements to be made with a flat wedge-shaped gauge having a taper of 2cm. in 8cm. and a thickness of 3/32 in. or 2·3 mm., inserted into the meshes under a pressure of not less than 10 lb. or 4·5 kg. nor more than 15 lb. or 6·8 kg.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 3 of the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933, as amended by section 38 of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938 and section 1 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1948, authorises the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State concerned with the sea-fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively to make orders controlling the construction of, and the size of mesh of, fishing nets carried in any British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom. This order regulates the construction and size of mesh of nets carried in British fishing boats fishing in three areas in the Northwest Atlantic. The order defines the areas and prescribes the requirements to which the nets used in the respective areas must conform. The areas and sizes of mesh were those agreed by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in June, 1956.

1959 No. 1333

The Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) (Variation) Order, 1959

Made - - - -	*29th July*, 1959
Laid before Parliament	*5th August*, 1959
Coming into Operation	*6th August*, 1959

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Secretaries of State concerned with the sea-fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 3 and 8 of the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933(**a**) as amended by section 38 of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938(**b**) and section 1 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1948(**c**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Order :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) (Variation) Order, 1959, and shall come into operation on the 6th day of August, 1959.

2. The Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) Order, 1956(**d**), as varied by the Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) (Amendment) Order, 1958(**e**) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Order), shall have effect, subject to the variations set out in this Order.

(**a**) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 45. (**b**) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 30. (**c**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 51.
(**d**) S.I. 1956/531 (1956 II, p. 2205). (**e**) S.I. 1958/279 (1958 II, p. 2129).

3. For Article 6 of the principal Order, there shall be substituted the following Article:—

"6.—(1) No person shall use any net to which this Order applies in such manner as to obstruct or in effect to diminish the mesh in any part of the net, or cover the net with canvas or any other material, or use any other artifice for the purpose of evading the restrictions imposed by this Order:

Provided that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit any person from attaching to the underside of a cod-end of a net any canvas, netting or other material, for the purpose of preventing or reducing wear and tear.

(2) During the period commencing with 6th August, 1959, and ending 4th April, 1961, nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit any person from attaching a piece of netting rectangular in shape to the upperside of a cod-end of a net other than a seine net if the meshes of both the net and of the piece of netting are, in all their parts, of such dimensions that when any such mesh is stretched diagonally lengthwise a flat gauge 110 millimetres broad and 2 millimetres thick will pass through it easily, whether the net is wet or dry, and if the piece of netting also conforms to the conditions specified in the following paragraphs of this Article.

(3) The piece of netting shall in width be at least one-and-a-half times the width of the part of the cod-end which is covered by it, such widths to be measured at right angles to the long axis of the cod-end.

(4) The piece of netting shall not be fastened to the cod-end except along the forward and lateral edges of the netting, and shall be fastened in such a manner that:—

(*a*) if there is a splitting strop, the piece of netting commences not more than four meshes forward of the splitting strop, and ends not less than four meshes in front of the cod-line mesh; or,

(*b*) if there is no splitting strop, the piece of netting extends forward from a point not less than four meshes in front of the cod-line mesh for not more than one-third of the length of the cod-end."

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.)

John Hare,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twenty-seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.)

John S. Maclay,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the Hand of the Secretary of State for the Home Department this twenty-ninth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

R. A. Butler,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) Order, 1956, prohibits British fishing boats from carrying in certain waters nets with a mesh of less than a prescribed size, and also provides that a net shall not be covered with canvas or other material so as to evade the restrictions imposed by the Order except that canvas, netting, or other material, may be attached to the underside of the cod-end of a net, other than a seine net, for the purpose of preventing or reducing wear and tear. This Order provides that during the period commencing with 6th August, 1959, and ending with 4th April, 1961, a rectangular piece of netting may also be attached to the upperside of a cod-end of a net having a mesh of 110 m.m. or more if the netting satisfies certain conditions as to size of mesh and method of attachment.

1959 No. 1274

The Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) (Amendment) Scheme, 1959

Made - - - -	*25th June*, 1959
Coming into Operation	*5th August*, 1959

The Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, with the approval of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 6 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953(**a**), as read along with section 1 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1957(**b**), and by section 5 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1957, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Herring Industry Board, hereby make the following Scheme:—

Citation, Extent and Commencement

1.—(1) This scheme may be cited as the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) (Amendment) Scheme, 1959; and the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Scheme, 1955(**c**), and this Scheme may be cited together as the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Schemes, 1955 and 1959.

(2) This scheme shall apply to Great Britain and shall come into operation fourteen days after it has been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

Amount of Grants

2.—(1) Paragraph (1) of Article 9 of the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Scheme, 1955, as amended by the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) (Amendment) Scheme, 1956(**d**), shall have effect as if for the reference therein to an amount of £15,000 there were substituted a reference to an amount of £17,500.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 17.
(b) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 22.
(c) S.I. 1955/1190 (1955 II, p. 2394).
(d) S.I. 1956/1169 (1956 II, p. 2200).