1961 No. 543

SEA FISHERIES

The Sea-Fishing Industry (Immature Sea-Fish) Order, 1961

Made - - - -	*22nd March*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	*28th March*, 1961
Coming into Operation	*1st April*, 1961

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section 4 of the Sea-Fishing Industry Act, 1933(a) (as amended by Section 38 of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938(b)) and by Section 8 of the said Act of 1933(a) 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 (Immature Sea-Fish) Order, 1961, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1961.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(c) applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this order and the orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The Sea-Fishing Industry (Immature Sea-Fish) Order, 1948(d) and the Sea-Fishing Industry (Immature Sea-Fish) Amendment Order, 1954(e) are hereby revoked.

4. No person shall in Great Britain land, sell, expose or offer for sale, or have in his possession for the purpose of sale, any sea-fish of the following descriptions of less than the following lengths, that is to say:—

Fish	*Length of whole fish measured from tip of snout to extreme end of tail fin*
	Centimetres
Cod (Gadus calarias)	30
Haddock (Gadus aeglefinus) ...	27
Hake (Merluccius merluccius) ...	30
Plaice (Pleuronectes platessa) ...	25
Witches (Glyptocephalus cynoglossus)	28
Lemon Soles (Microstomus kitt) ...	25
Soles (Solea solea)	24
Turbot (Scophthalmus maximus)...	30
Brill (Scophthalmus rhombus) ...	30
Megrims (Lepidorhombus whiff) ...	25
Whitings (Gadus merlangus) ...	25
Dabs (Pleuronectes limanda) ...	20

(a) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 45. (b) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 30.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (d) S.I. 1948/1480 (Rev. VII, p. 952: 1948 I, p. 1197).
(e) S.I. 1954/687 (1954 II, p. 2005).

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twenty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *Christopher Soames,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this twenty-second day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *John S. Maclay,*
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 supersedes the Sea-Fishing Industry (Immature Sea-Fish) Orders of 1948 and 1954. It continues the prohibition of the landing, sale or possession for sale in Great Britain of certain species of sea-fish below certain specified sizes, but states the size limits in centimetres instead of in inches. The size limits are substantially the same as those prescribed by the Orders of 1948 and 1954 except that the minimum size of haddock is reduced by a little less than half an inch.