STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 386

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Strangford Lough) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Strangford Lough) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 16th September 1999.

(2) In this Order—

- (a) "designated area" means the area described in the Schedule;
- (b) "relevant time" means, in relation to the designated area, 00.01 hours on 6th September 1999;
- (c) "scallops" means scallops of the species Pecten maximus and Queen scallops of the species of Aequipecten opercularis;
- (d) "the Act" means the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985; and
- (e) "the Department" means the Department of Agriculture.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(1) shall apply to this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Designated circumstances

2. In the opinion of the Department, scallops in the designated area may be affected by the toxin which causes amnesic shellfish poisoning in human beings and are likely to create a hazard to human health if they are consumed.

Designated area

3. The area described in the Schedule is hereby designated for the purposes of Part I of the Act.

Activity prohibited in the designated area

4. A person shall not fish for or take any scallops in the designated area.

Prohibition on movement

5. A person shall not move any scallops out of the designated area or from one place to another within the designated area.

Restrictions

6. A person shall not—

- (a) use of scallops taken out of a designated area after the relevant time in the preparation or processing for supply of food and anything from which food could be derived;
- (b) land any scallops which were in waters in the designated area after the relevant time;
- (c) supply, or have in possession for supply, any scallops which were in the designated area after the relevant time;
- (d) supply, or have in possession for supply, any food or anything from which food could be derived in the preparation or processing of which anything was used in contravention of sub-paragraph (a).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on

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16th September 1999.

L. G. McKibben Assistant Secretary