

**2003 No. 160**

**FOOD**

**Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

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The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety<sup>(a)</sup> in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1)(e) and (f), 16(2), 25(1) and (3), 26(3) and 47(2) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991<sup>(b)</sup> and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having had regard in accordance with Article 47(3A) of the said Order to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency and after consultation both as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No.178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(c)</sup> and in accordance with Article 47(3) and (3B) of the said Order, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 28th April 2003.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations –

“the Agency” means the Food Standards Agency;

“Regulation 104/2000” means Council Regulation (EC) No. 104/2000 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products<sup>(d)</sup>;

“Regulation 2065/2001” means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2065/2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No. 104/2000 as regards informing consumers about fishery and aquaculture products<sup>(e)</sup>;

and any expressions used in these Regulations and in Regulation 104/2000 or Regulation 2065/2001 have the same meaning in these Regulations as they have in those Regulations.

**Offences relating to consumer information**

3.—(1) Any person who, in contravention of Article 4.1 of Regulation 104/2000 (consumer information) as read with Regulation 2065/2001, offers for retail sale to the final consumer any of the products to which that Article applies shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

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(a) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; *see* S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3

(b) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I.7) as amended by S.I.1996 /1633 (N.I. 12) and paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28

(c) O.J. No. L31, 1.2.2002, p. 1; laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety

(d) O.J. No. L17, 21.1.2000, p. 22

(e) O.J. No. L278, 23.10.2001, p. 6

(2) A person who fails to comply with Article 8 of Regulation 2065/2001 (traceability and control) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

#### **Lists of commercial designations**

4.—(1) The list of commercial designations which the United Kingdom is required to draw up and publish under Article 4(2) of Regulation 104/2000 is that set out in the Schedule, and accordingly, the commercial designations set out in that Schedule are names prescribed by law for the purposes of regulations 6(1), 7 and 8(a) of the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(a).

(2) In relation to a species included both in the Schedule and in a list published in English under Article 4(2) of Regulation 104/2000 having effect in another member State or in another part of the United Kingdom, the commercial designation for that species in the list having effect in that other member State or part of the United Kingdom shall be an alternative to the commercial designation for that species set out in the Schedule.

#### **Omission of reference to the production method**

5. In the case described in Article 4.2 of Regulation 2065/2001 (situation where it is obvious from commercial designation and catch area that the species is caught at sea) it shall not be a contravention of Article 4.1 of Regulation 104/2000 to offer for retail sale to the final consumer a fisheries product to which that Article applies without the product being marked or labelled with the production method.

#### **Small quantities of products**

6.—(1) For the purposes of Article 4(1) of Regulation 104/2000 as read with Article 7 of Regulation 2065/2001, the small quantity of products which may be sold directly to consumers shall be products to a value not exceeding 20 Euro for each purchase.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation, the reference to 20 Euro shall be taken to be a reference to the sterling equivalent of that number of Euro, converted by reference to the rate of conversion published annually on the first working day of the preceding September in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Communities or, if no rate is published in it on that day, the first rate published in it thereafter.

#### **Additional information relating to the catch area**

7. The indication of catch area required by Article 4(1)(c) of Regulation 104/2000 may, where the circumstances described in Article 5(1)(c) of Regulation 2065/2001 apply, indicate the various member States or third countries in which the product was farmed.

#### **Provisional commercial designations**

8.—(1) For the purposes of Article 2 of Regulation 2065/2001 (provisional commercial designations), the Agency shall be the competent authority.

(2) The Agency shall draw up and publish a list of provisional commercial designations laid down pursuant to the said Article 2.

#### **Enforcement**

9. Each district council shall enforce and execute these Regulations within its district.

#### **Application of various provisions of the Order**

10. The following provisions of the Order shall apply for the purposes of these Regulations and any reference in those provisions to the Order shall be construed for the purposes of these

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(a) S.R. 1996 No. 383; regulation 6(4) (which defines “prescribed by law” for the purposes of regulations 6(1), 7 and 8(a)) was inserted by S.R. 1998 No. 253

Regulations as a reference to these Regulations and to those provisions of Regulation 104/2000 and Regulation 2065/2001 to which these Regulations relate –

- (a) Article 4 (presumptions that food intended for human consumption);
- (b) Article 19 (offences due to fault of another person);
- (c) Article 20 (defence of due diligence) as it applies for the purposes of Article 7, 13 or 14;
- (d) Article 30(8) (which relates to documentary evidence);
- (e) Article 33 (powers of entry);
- (f) Article 34 (obstruction, etc., of officers);
- (g) Article 36 (punishment of offences) in so far as it relates to offences under Article 34(1) and (2) as applied by paragraph (f).

**Revocations**

**11.** Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (prescribed names of fish and shellfish) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 11th March 2003.

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## COMMERCIAL DESIGNATIONS

1.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), the commercial designation for any species of fish specified in column 2 of the following Table shall be a name specified for that species in the corresponding entry in column 1 of the said Table.

(2) A customary name may be used for any species of fish which has been subjected to smoking or any similar process, unless the name of the species in column 2 of the following Table is followed by an asterisk. In such cases the name used for the food when the fish is smoked shall be either –

- (a) a name specified for that species in column 1 of the said Table preceded by the word “smoked”,  
or
- (b) except in the case of *Salmo Salar* (L.), “smoked Pacific salmon”.

(3) Sub-paragraph (1), as read with the following Table, shall not apply to fish regulated by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2136/89(a) laying down common marketing standards for preserved sardines, or Council Regulation (EEC) No 1536/92(b) laying down common marketing standards for preserved tuna and bonito.

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(a) O.J. No. L212, 22.7.89, p. 79

(b) O.J. No. L163, 17.6.92, p. 1

**Table**

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
<b>Sea Fish</b>	
Anchovy	All species of the family <i>Engraulidae</i>
Barracuda	All species of <i>Sphyraena</i>
Barramundi	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>
Bass <i>or</i> Sea bass	<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> (L.)
Japanese sea bass	<i>Lateolabrax japonicus</i>
Spotted sea bass	<i>Dicentrarchus punctatus</i>
Southern rock bass	<i>Paralabrax callaensis</i>
Bigeye	All species of <i>Priacanthus</i>
Bluefish <i>or</i> Tailor	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>
Bogue	<i>Boops boops</i>
Bonito	{ All species of <i>Sarda</i> All species of <i>Euthynnus</i> , with the exception of <i>Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis</i> All species of <i>Auxis</i>
Brill	<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i> (L.)
Brisling	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i> (L.) when canned
Catfish <i>or</i> Rockfish <i>or</i> Wolffish	All species of <i>Anarhichas</i>
Cobia	<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>
Cod <i>or</i> Codling	<i>Gadus morhua</i>
Pacific cod <i>or</i> Cod	<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>
Greenland cod <i>or</i> Cod	<i>Gadus ogac</i>
Saffron cod	<i>Eleginus gracilis</i>
Red cod	<i>Pseudophycis bachus</i>
Blue cod	<i>Parapercis colias</i>
Coley <i>or</i> Saithe <i>or</i> Coalfish	<i>Pollachius virens</i> (L.)
Conger	All species of <i>Conger</i>
Croaker <i>or</i> Drum <i>or</i> Jewfish	All species of the family <i>Sciaenidae</i>
Dab	<i>Limanda limanda</i> (L.)
Yellowtail dab	<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>
Pacific sand dab	<i>Citharichthys sordidus</i>
Dogfish <i>or</i> Flake <i>or</i> Huss <i>or</i> Rigg <i>or</i> Rock Salmon <i>or</i> Rock Eel	{ All species of <i>Galeorhinus</i> All species of <i>Mustelus</i> All species of <i>Scyliorhinus</i>

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
	{ <i>Galeus melastomus</i> <i>Squalus acanthias</i> (L.)
Dory or John Dory or St Peter's fish	<i>Zeus faber</i> (L.)
Eel	All species of <i>Anguilla</i>
Emperor	All species of <i>Lethrinus</i>
Escolar or Snake Mackerel	All species of the family <i>Gempylidae</i>
Flounder	<i>Platichthys flesus</i> (L.)
Flying fish	All species of the family <i>Exocoetidae</i>
Greenling	<i>Ophiodon elongatus</i>
Grouper	All species of <i>Mycteroperca</i> All species of <i>Epinephelus</i>
Gurnard	All species of the family <i>Triglidae</i> <i>Peristedion cataphractum</i> (L.)
Haddock	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> (L.)
Hake	All species of <i>Merluccius</i>
	Alternatively, the following may be used
Cape hake	{ <i>Merluccius capensis</i> <i>Merluccius paradoxus</i>
White hake	<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>
Halibut	{ <i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i> (L.) <i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>
Black halibut or Mock halibut	<i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i> (Walbaum)
Herring	<i>Clupea harengus</i> (L.)
Hilsa	<i>Tenualosa ilisha</i>
Hoki	<i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i>
Chilean hoki	<i>Macruronus magellanicus</i>
Jack or Scad or Horse Mackerel or Trevally	{ All species of <i>Caranx</i> All species of <i>Hemicaranx</i> All species of <i>Seriola</i> All species of <i>Trachurus</i> All species of <i>Decapterus</i>
Kingklip	<i>Genypterus capensis</i>
Ladyfish	All species of the family <i>Elopidae</i>
Ling	All species of <i>Molva</i>
Lumpfish or Lumpsucker	<i>Cyclopterus lumpus</i>
Mackerel	All species of <i>Scomber</i>
King Mackerel or Kingfish	<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>
Mahi Mahi	<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>
Marlin	All species of <i>Makaira</i>
Megrim	All species of <i>Lepidorhombus</i>

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
Milkfish	<i>Chanos chanos</i>
Monk(fish) or Angler(fish)	{ <i>Lophius piscatorius</i> (L.) <i>Lophius americanus</i>
Cape monk(fish) or Cape angler(fish)	<i>Lophius vomerinus</i>
Red mullet	All species of <i>Mullus</i>
Goatfish	All other species of the family <i>Mullidae</i>
Grey mullet	{ All species of <i>Mugil</i> All species of <i>Liza</i> All species of <i>Chelon</i>
Opah or Moonfish	All species of <i>Lampris</i>
Orange roughy	<i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>
Parrotfish	All species of the family <i>Scaridae</i>
Picarel	<i>Spicara smaris</i>
Pilchard	<i>Sardina pilchardus</i> (Walbaum)
Pacific pilchard	<i>Sardinops sagax</i> that has been caught in the Pacific Ocean.
South Atlantic pilchard	<i>Sardinops sagax</i> that has been caught in the South Atlantic Ocean.
Plaice	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> (L.)
American plaice	<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> (Fabr.)
Pollack or Pollock or Lythe	<i>Pollachius pollachius</i> (L.)
Pacific pollack or Pacific pollock or Alaska pollack or Alaska pollock	<i>Theragra chalcogramma</i> (Pallas)
Pomfret or Butterfish	{ All species of <i>Brama</i> All species of <i>Stromateus</i> All species of <i>Pampus</i>
Poor cod	<i>Trisopterus minutus</i>
Pout or Pout Whiting or Pouting or Bib	<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>
Rainbow runner	<i>Elagatis bipinnulata</i>
Redfish or Ocean perch or Rose fish	{ All species of <i>Sebastes</i> All species of <i>Helicolenus</i>
Sablefish	<i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>
Sailfish	All species of <i>Istiophorus</i>
Sardine	<i>Small Sardina pilchardus</i> (Walbaum)
Sardinella	All species of <i>Sardinella</i>
Scabbard fish or Sabre or Sabre fish or Silver sabre or Black sabre	{ <i>Lepidopus caudatus</i> <i>Aphanopus carbo</i>
Sea bream or Porgy	All species of the family <i>Sparidae</i> except <i>Boops boops</i>

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
Sild	Small <i>Clupea harengus</i> (L.), when canned Small <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> (L.), when canned
Skate <i>or</i> Ray <i>or</i> Roker	All species of <i>Raja</i>
Smelt <i>or</i> Sparling	All species of <i>Osmerus</i>
Snapper	All species of the family <i>Lutjanidae</i>
	Alternatively, the following may be used
Jobfish	{ All species of <i>Aphareus</i> All species of <i>Aprion</i> All species of <i>Pristipomoides</i>
Snook	All species of <i>Centropomus</i>
Sole <i>or</i> Dover sole	<i>Solea solea</i> (L.)
Butter sole	<i>Isopsetta isolepis</i>
Californian sole	<i>Parophrys vetulus</i>
Lemon sole	<i>Microstomus kitt</i> (Walbaum)
Petrale sole	<i>Eopsetta jordani</i>
Rex sole <i>or</i> Long-finned sole	<i>Glyptocephalus zachirus</i>
Rock sole	<i>Lepidopsetta bilineata</i>
Pacific sole	<i>Microstomus pacificus</i>
Torbay sole <i>or</i> Witch	<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> (L.)
Sprat	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i> (L.), except when canned
Swordfish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>
Tarpon	All species of the family <i>Megalopidae</i>
Threadfin bream	All species of <i>Nemipterus</i>
Toothfish <i>or</i> Icefish	{ <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i> <i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i>
Tuna <i>or</i> Tunny	All species of <i>Thunnus</i>
Skipjack tuna ( <i>or</i> tuna)	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>
Albacore tuna ( <i>or</i> tuna)	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>
Yellowfin tuna ( <i>or</i> tuna)	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>
Bluefin tuna ( <i>or</i> tuna)	<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>
Bigeye tuna ( <i>or</i> tuna)	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>
Turbot	<i>Psetta maxima</i>
Wahoo	<i>Acanthocybium solandri</i>
Whitebait	{ Small <i>Clupea harengus</i> (L.) Small <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> (L.) (except when canned)



Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
Whiting	<i>Merlangius merlangus</i> (L.)
Blue whiting	<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> (Risso)
Southern blue whiting	<i>Micromesistius australis</i>
Winter flounder	<i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i> (Walbaum)

### **Salmon and Freshwater Fish**

Bacha	<i>Eutropiichthys vacha</i>
Batashi	<i>Pseudeutropius atherinoides</i>
Carp	All species of the family <i>Cyprinidae</i> Alternatively the following may be used
Mowrala	<i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i>
Banspata	<i>Danio devario</i>
Bata	<i>Labeo bata</i>
Kalibous	<i>Labeo calbasu</i>
Ghania	<i>Labeo gonius</i>
Ruhi	<i>Labeo rohita</i>
Punti	<i>Puntius sarana</i>
Chelapata	<i>Salmostoma bacaila</i>

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
Catfish <i>or</i> American catfish <i>or</i> Channel catfish	All species of the family <i>Ictaluridae</i>
Catfish	{ All species of the family <i>Clariidae</i> All species of the family <i>Siluridae</i> All species of the family <i>Bagridae</i>
	Alternatively the following may be used
Magur	<i>Clarias batrachus</i>
Gulsha	<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>
Buzuri	<i>Mystus tengara</i>
Tengra	<i>Mystus vittatus</i>
Pabda	<i>Ompok pabda</i>
Ayre	<i>Sperata aor</i>
Boal	<i>Wallago attu</i>
Chapila	<i>Gudusia chapra</i>
Char	All species of <i>Salvelinus</i>
Kakila	<i>Xenentodon cancila</i>
Keski	<i>Corica soborna</i>
Khalisha	<i>Colisa fasciatus</i>
Koi	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>
Largebaim	<i>Mastacembelus armatus</i>
Meni	<i>Nandus nandus</i>
Nile Perch	<i>Lates niloticus</i>
Pacific dory <i>or</i> Vietnamese sole	<i>Pangasius bocourti</i>
Patabaim	<i>Macrognathus aculeatus</i>
Queen fish	<i>Botia dario</i>
River cobbler	{ <i>Pangasius micronemus</i> <i>Pangasius hypophthalmus</i>

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
Salmon <i>or</i> Atlantic salmon	<i>Salmo salar</i> (L.)*
Cherry salmon <i>or</i> Pacific salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus masou masou</i> *
Chum salmon <i>or</i> Keta salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i> (Walbaum)*
Medium red salmon <i>or</i> Coho salmon <i>or</i> Silver salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> (Walbaum)*
Pink salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i> (Walbaum)*
Red salmon <i>or</i> Sockeye salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus nerka</i> (Walbaum)*
Spring salmon <i>or</i> King salmon <i>or</i> Chinook salmon <i>or</i> Pacific salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> (Walbaum)*
Shol	<i>Channa striata</i>
Taki	<i>Channa punctata</i>
Tilapia	{ All species of <i>Tilapia</i> All species of <i>Oreochromis</i>
Trout <i>or</i> Brown trout	<i>Salmo trutta trutta</i> (L.) which has spent all of its life in fresh water
Sea trout <i>or</i> Salmon trout	<i>Salmo trutta trutta</i> (L.) which has spent part of its life in sea water
Cut-throat trout <i>or</i> trout	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki clarki</i>
Rainbow trout <i>or</i> Steelhead trout <i>or</i> trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>
<b>Shellfish</b>	
Abalone <i>or</i> Ormer	All species of <i>Haliotis</i>
Clam <i>or</i> Hard shell clam	{ <i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i> (L.) <i>Venus verrucosa</i> (L.)
Clam <i>or</i> Razor clam	All species of <i>Ensis</i> and <i>Solen</i>
Geoduck <i>or</i> Geoduck clam	<i>Panopea abrupta</i>
Surf clam	All species of <i>Spisula</i>
Cockle	All species of <i>Cerastoderma</i>
Crab	{ All species of the order <i>Brachyura</i> All species of the family <i>Lithodidae</i>
Crayfish	{ All species of the family <i>Astacidae</i> All species of the family <i>Parastacidae</i> All species of the family <i>Austroastacidae</i> All species of the family <i>Cambaridae</i>
Cuttlefish	{ All species of <i>Sepia</i> <i>Rossia macrosoma</i>

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
Lobster	All species of <i>Homarus</i>
Slipper lobster	All species of the family <i>Scyllaridae</i>
Squat lobster	All species of the family <i>Galatheididae</i>
Crawfish or Spiny lobster or Rock lobster	{ All species of <i>Panulirus</i> All species of <i>Palinurus</i> All species of <i>Jasus</i>
Indian ocean lobster	<i>Puerulus sewelli</i>
Mussel	All species of the family <i>Mytilidae</i>
Octopus	All species of <i>Octopus</i>
Oyster	{ All species of <i>Crassostrea</i> All species of <i>Ostrea</i>
Oyster or Portuguese oyster	<i>Crassostrea angulata</i> (Lmk.)
Oyster or Pacific oyster or Rock oyster	<i>Crassostrea gigas</i> (Thunberg)
Oyster or Native oyster	<i>Ostrea edulis</i> (L.)
Prawn or Shrimp	{ Whole fish (of a size which, when cooked, have a count of less than 397 per kg) or tails (of a size which, when peeled and cooked, have a count of less than 1,323 per kg) of - all species of the family <i>Palaemonidae</i> , all species of the family <i>Penaeidae</i> , and all species of the family <i>Pandalidae</i>
King prawn	{ All species of the family <i>Palaemonidae</i> All species of the family <i>Penaeidae</i> Where the count is less than 123 per kg (head on/shell on) or less than 198 per kg (head off/shell on) or less than 242 per kg (head off/shell off)
Tiger prawn	{ <i>Penaeus monodon</i> <i>Penaeus semisulcatus</i> <i>Penaeus esculentus</i> <i>Penaeus kerathurus</i> <i>Penaeus japonicus</i> <i>Parapenaeopsis hardwickii</i> <i>Parapenaeopsis sculptilis</i>
Scallop or King scallop	<i>Pecten maximus</i>
Atlantic scallop or Scallop	<i>Placopecten magellanicus</i>
Queen scallop or Queen or Scallop	<i>Chlamys (Aequipecten) opercularis</i>
Scallop or Common scallop	All species of the family <i>Pectinidae</i>

Column 1 <i>Commercial designation</i>	Column 2 <i>Species of fish</i>
Scampi <i>or</i> Norway lobster <i>or</i> Dublin Bay prawn <i>or</i> Langoustine	<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> (L.)
Pacific scampi	{ <i>Metanephrops andamanicus</i> <i>Metanephrops challengeri</i> <i>Metanephrops thomsoni</i>
Shrimp	{ Whole fish (of a size which, when cooked, have a count of 397 per kg or more) or tails (of a size which, when peeled and cooked, have a count of 1,323 per kg or more) of – all species of the family <i>Palaemonidae</i> , all species of the family <i>Penaeidae</i> , and all species of the family <i>Pandalidae</i>
Shrimp <i>or</i> Pink shrimp	<i>Pandalus montagui</i>
Shrimp <i>or</i> Brown shrimp	All species of <i>Crangon</i>
Squid	{ All species of <i>Loligo</i> All species of <i>Illex</i> <i>Ommastrephes sagittatus</i>
Arrow squid	{ <i>Nototodarus sloani</i> <i>Nototodarus gouldi</i>
Whelk	All species of <i>Buccinum</i>
Winkle	All species of <i>Littorina</i>

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations provide for the execution and enforcement of Title 1, Chapter 2 of Council Regulation (EC) 104/2000 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products as applied by Commission Regulation (EC) 2065/2001 laying down detailed rules on the application of Council Regulation (EC) 104/2000 as regards informing consumers about fishery and aquaculture products.

Title 1 of Chapter 2 of Council Regulation (EC) 104/2000 imposes requirements regarding the provision of information about the commercial designation, production method and catch area of certain fishery and aquaculture products offered for retail sale to the final consumer. It further provides for member States to draw up and publish a list of commercial designations for at least the species listed in Annexes I to IV of the Regulation. Commission Regulation (EC) 2065/2001 describes in more detail the information to be provided to consumers and the exemptions that may be allowed. It also provides for the necessary information to be provided at each stage of the marketing process.

These Regulations –

- provide a list of the commercial designations required to be drawn up by the United Kingdom (regulation 4 and the Schedule) and further provide for the granting of provisional commercial designations (regulation 8);
- make provision as to the relaxation of the requirements in certain circumstances in relation to information about the production method (regulation 5); in the case of direct sales of small quantities to consumers by fishermen or aquaculture producers (regulation 6) and with regard to the inclusion of additional information about catch area (regulation 7);
- create offences and prescribe penalties (regulation 3), specify the enforcement authority (regulation 9), and incorporate specified provisions of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (regulation 10);
- revoke the fish labelling requirements set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (regulation 11).

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