

## FISHERIES

## Shellfish

ORDER, DATED 6TH JANUARY 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE FISHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 13(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) that where the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") is satisfied that the introduction into any waters of fish of any particular kind would be detrimental to the fishery in those waters the Ministry may make an order prohibiting the introduction into such waters of any live fish of that kind or the eggs and young thereof:

AND WHEREAS the Ministry is satisfied that the introduction into the waters designated in the following Order of fish of the kind specified in the following Order would be detrimental to the fishery in those waters:

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said Section 13(1) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order.

*Citation*

1. This Order may be cited as the Molluscan Shellfish (Control of Deposit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order,

"designated waters" means all tidal waters (whether forming part of the sea or not) within Northern Ireland and every part of the sea within such part of the fishery limits of the British Isles as is mentioned in Section 4(2) of the Fishery Limits Act 1964(b);

"molluscan shellfish" means live molluscan shellfish of any kind;

"shellfish bed" means any bed or ground in which shellfish are usually found or which is used for the propagation or cultivation of shellfish, or hatcheries used for such purposes.

*Prohibition of deposit*

3. No molluscan shellfish taken from shellfish beds outside the designated waters shall be introduced into any of the designated waters.

*Exemptions*

4. The prohibitions imposed by this Order shall not apply to any shellfish if

(a) they are deposited under the authority of a permit issued by the Ministry, and

(b) the conditions (if any) specified in that permit are complied with.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 6th day of January 1972.

(L.S.)

*John Eaton,*  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 13(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 provides that, where the Ministry of Agriculture is satisfied that the introduction into any waters of any particular kind of fish would be detrimental to the fishery in those waters, the Ministry may make an order prohibiting the introduction into such waters of any live fish of that kind. This Order prohibits the introduction into any of the designated waters of molluscan shellfish taken from shellfish beds outside the designated waters.