

WHALING INDUSTRY

1960 No. 547

The Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1960

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under Sections 3, 5, 6, 8 and 18 of the Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1934(a) as amended by Part III of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938(b) and under the Whaling Industry (Sperm Whales) Order, 1937(c) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and after consultation with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland hereby makes in relation to ships the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1960, and may be cited as the Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1960.

(2) These Regulations shall be construed as one with the Whaling Industry (Ship) Regulations, 1955(d) as amended by the Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1958(e) and the Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959(f), which Regulations are hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Principal Regulations”.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(g) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The following proviso shall be added to the condition set out in paragraph 1 (b) of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Principal Regulations:—

“Provided also that no baleen whale (excluding any minke whale) shall be killed during any such period after such day as may be notified to the holder of this licence by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as being the day on which the said Minister deems that the total number of such whales killed during that period by all the holders of licences for taking whales granted under the Acts will have reached the equivalent of 2,500 blue whale units.”

3. The following proviso shall be added to the condition set out in paragraph 1 (b) of Part II of the Second Schedule to the Principal Regulations:—

“Provided also that no baleen whale (excluding any minke whale) shall be treated if it has been taken during any such period after such day as may be notified to the holder of this licence by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food as being the day on which the said Minister deems that the total number of such whales killed during that period by all the holders of licences for taking whales granted under the Acts will have reached the equivalent of 2,500 blue whale units.”

(a) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 49.

(b) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 30.

(c) S.R. & O. 1937/628 (Rev. VII, p. 932; 1937, p. 747).

(d) S.I. 1955/1973 (1955 II, p. 2416).

(e) S.I. 1958/2042 (1958 II, p. 2144).

(f) S.I. 1959/2054 (1959 II, p. 2495).

(g) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

4. For sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 7 of Part II of the Second Schedule to the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

“(a) within two days of the end of each calendar week cause to be transmitted by wireless messages to the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics, Sandefjord, Norway, and to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, details of the number of blue whale units taken by the ships attached thereto in waters south of 40° south latitude, calculated on the basis that one blue whale equals two fin whales, or two and a half humpback whales, or six sei whales:

Provided that

- (i) when notification is received by him from the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food that the number of blue whale units taken by ships registered in the United Kingdom is deemed by the said Minister to have reached 2,000, he shall cause the details aforesaid to be transmitted to the said Minister at the end of each day, and
- (ii) when notification is received by him from the Bureau of International Whaling Statistics that the number of blue whale units taken is deemed by the said Bureau to have reached 13,500, he shall cause the said details to be transmitted to the said Bureau and to the said Minister at the end of each day.”

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twenty-first day of March, 1960.

(L.S.)

B. P. H. Dickinson,
An Under Secretary of the
Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Second Schedule to the Whaling Industry (Ship) Regulations, 1955 (which specifies conditions subject to which licences to catch or treat whales granted under those Regulations may be issued) by making provision for the total number of baleen whales (excluding minke whales) killed or treated under such licences to be limited to a national quota for the United Kingdom of 2,500 blue whale units.