

1972 No. 1793

**SEA FISHERIES**

**LANDING AND SALE OF SEA FISH**

**The Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1972**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>24th November 1972</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>1st December 1972</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>22nd December 1972</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 6 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a) as the latter section is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 of Part II of Schedule 1 to, the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(b) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry(c), hereby make the following Order:—

*Citation and Commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 22nd December 1972.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In this Order:—

“the specified waters” means the waters described in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Prohibition on Landing*

3. The landing in the United Kingdom of haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) caught in the specified waters during the period from 22nd December 1972 to 31st December 1972 (both dates inclusive) is hereby prohibited.

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(a) 1967 c. 84.

(b) 1968 c. 77.

(c) For transfer of functions from the Board of Trade to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry see the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293)).

(d) 1889 c. 63.

*Exception from the Prohibition on Landing*

4. Notwithstanding the prohibition contained in article 3 of this Order it shall be lawful to land in the United Kingdom haddock caught in the specified waters during the period specified in that article provided that:—

- (1) the haddock were caught in the course of fishing for sea fish of any description other than haddock; and
- (2) the haddock so caught are comprised in a catch the whole or part of which was taken in the specified waters and do not exceed in weight one tenth of the total weight of the catch landed in the United Kingdom or, if only part of the catch was taken in the specified waters, one tenth of the total weight of that part landed as aforesaid.

*Powers of British Sea-Fishery Officers*

5. For the purposes of the enforcement of the order there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) and (3) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd November 1972.

(L.S.)

*Joseph Godber,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

23rd November 1972.

*Gordon Campbell,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

24th November 1972.

*W. S. I. Whitelaw,*  
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

**SCHEDULE**

Those waters, except territorial waters, bounded by a line drawn due south from the coast of Rhode Island along 71° 40' west longitude to 39° north latitude; thence due east to 63° 20' west longitude; thence due north to 44° 20' north latitude; thence along a rhumb line in a northwesterly direction to the coast of Nova Scotia, thence in a southwesterly direction along the coasts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the point of beginning.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, which is made under sections 6 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, implements a recommendation of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Commission.

The Order prohibits the landing in the United Kingdom of haddock caught in a specified area of the Northwest Atlantic during the period 22nd December 1972 to 31st December 1972. It excepts from the prohibition the landing of such haddock caught whilst fishing for any other species of fish provided the haddock do not exceed 10 per cent of the total weight of the catch (or that part of the catch) taken in the specified area.

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