
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 2216

SEA FISHERIES

FISHERY LIMITS

**The Fishing Boats (European Economic
Community) Designation Order 1976**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>24th December 1976</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>30th December 1976</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st January 1977</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State concerned with sea fishing in Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 2(1) of the Fishery Limits Act 1976⁽¹⁾ and section 37 of the Interpretation Act 1889⁽²⁾ and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order—

“the Act” means the Fishery Limits Act 1976;

“the Community countries” means Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and Netherlands;

“the designated area” means the area within the new but outside the old fishery limits;

“the new fishery limits” means British fishery limits set by or under the Act;

“the old fishery limits” means the fishery limits of the British Islands set by the Fishery Limits Act 1964⁽³⁾.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(1) 1976 c. 86.
(2) 1889 c. 63.
(3) 1964 c. 72.

Access to British fisheries

3.—(1) Each of the Community countries is hereby designated for the purposes of section 2(1) of the Act.

(2) Fishing boats registered in any of the Community countries may fish for all descriptions of sea fish within the designated area.

Previous designation orders to remain unaffected

4. Nothing in this order affects the provisions of any of the orders set out in the Schedule to this order.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd December 1976.

(L.S.)

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Bruce Millan,
Roy Mason,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and
Food. Secretary of State for Scotland. Secretary of
State for Northern Ireland.

22nd December 1976 24th December 1976

THE SCHEDULE

Article 4

<i>Title of Order</i>	<i>References</i>
The Fishing Boats (France) Designation Order 1965	S.I. 1965/1241 (1965 II, p. 3516).
The Fishing Boats (Republic of Ireland) Designation Order 1965	S.I. 1965/1448 (1965 II, p. 4271)..
The Fishing Boats (Belgium) Designation Order 1965	S.I. 1965/1569 (1965 II, p. 4574).
The Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1972	S.I. 1972/2026 (1972 III, p. 6008).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order designates the European Economic Community countries as countries whose registered fishing boats may fish within British fishery limits but outside the area comprising the fishery limits of the British Islands set by the Fishery Limits Act 1964.

The order does not affect the existing designation orders which permit certain foreign fishing boats to have limited access to British fisheries within the said fishery limits of the British Islands.