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**The Food Safety (Fisheries Products)
(Derogations) Regulations 1992**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>24th June 1992</i>
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<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st July 1992</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with health in England and food and health in Wales, acting jointly in relation to England and Wales, and the Secretary of State for Scotland in relation to Scotland, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 6(4) and 17(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990⁽¹⁾ and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with section 48(4) of that Act with such organisations as appeared to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food Safety (Fishery Products) (Derogations) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 1st July 1992.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Council Directive” means Council Directive [91/493/EEC](#)⁽²⁾, of 22nd July 1991, laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products;

“chilling” means any process of cooling fishery products to a temperature approaching that of melting ice;

“derogation” means the grant of a further period within which to comply fully with the conditions for the approval of factory vessels, establishments, auction markets or wholesale

(1) 1990 c. 16. Section 4(1) contains a definition of “the Ministers” which is relevant to the powers being exercised in the making of these Regulations.

(2) OJNo. L 268, 24.9.1991, p.15.

markets set out in Chapters I to IV of the Annex to the Council Directive, which conditions are set out in column (1) to the Schedule to these Regulations;

“establishment” means any premises where fishery products are prepared, processed, chilled, frozen, packaged or stored but not premises of auction or wholesale markets where only display and sale by wholesale takes place;

“factory vessel” means any vessel on which fishery products undergo one or more of the following operations followed by packaging; filleting, slicing, skinning, mincing, freezing or processing but not a fishing vessel in which only shrimps and molluscs are cooked on board or a fishing vessel on board which only freezing is carried out;

“fishery products” means all seawater or freshwater animals or parts thereof, including their roes, excluding aquatic mammals, frogs and aquatic animals covered by other community acts;

“frozen product” means any fishery product which has undergone a freezing process to reach a core temperature of — 18°C or lower after temperature stabilization;

“food authority” means an authority specified in regulation 6 as an authority which is to enforce and execute these Regulations;

“prepared product” means any fishery product which has undergone an operation affecting its anatomical wholeness, such as gutting, heading, slicing, filleting or chopping;

“processed product” means any fishery product which has undergone a chemical or physical process such as the heating, smoking, salting, dehydration or marinating of chilled or frozen products whether or not associated with other foodstuffs, or a combination of these processes;

“relevant requirement” means subject to paragraph (2) a condition set out in column (1) of the Schedule to these Regulations in respect of which there is an entry in column (2) of that Schedule which indicates that it is a condition in respect of which, in accordance with Chapter IX of the Council Directive, a derogation may be made.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations where there is in relation to a relevant requirement a limitation mentioned in column (2) of the Schedule, that requirement is a relevant requirement only to the extent indicated by that limitation.

(3) In these Regulations—

- (a) a reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation in these Regulations which bears that number;
- (b) a reference in a regulation to a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph of that regulation which bears that number.

(4) In the Schedule to these Regulations—

- (a) a reference to the Annex is a reference to the Annex to the Council Directive;
- (b) a reference to a numbered Chapter is a reference to the Chapter which bears that number in the Annex;
- (c) a reference to a numbered Section is a reference to the Section which bears that number in the Annex;
- (d) a reference in a Chapter to a numbered section or point is a reference to the section or point which bears that number in that Chapter.

Approval of factory vessels, establishments, auction markets and wholesale markets

3. On and after 1st January 1993 no person shall operate any factory vessel, establishment, auction market or wholesale market unless it has been approved by the Secretary of State, and no such centre shall be so approved unless—

- (a) the Secretary of State is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the Council Directive; or

- (b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that it meets those requirements save in so far as there is in force in respect of it a derogation granted under regulation 5.

Method of applying for a derogation

4.—(1) The proprietor of a food business which consists of or includes the operation of a factory vessel, establishment, auction market or wholesale market which was operating either on the 31st December 1991, or on the last working day immediately before that date, may apply to the Secretary of State, before 1st July 1992, for a derogation.

- (2) An application for the purposes of paragraph (1) shall—
 - (a) be made in writing;
 - (b) specify in respect of which factory vessel, establishment, auction market or wholesale market and which of the relevant requirements a derogation is sought; and
 - (c) be accompanied by a plan of the work intended by the proprietor together with a timetable indicating the period within which the proprietor intends the factory vessel, establishment, auction market or wholesale market to comply with the relevant requirement the subject of the application for a derogation.

Method of determining an application for a derogation

5.—(1) After receiving an application for a derogation in respect of a factory vessel, establishment, auction market or wholesale market which complies with regulation 4 the Secretary of State shall send a copy of it to the food authority in whose area the factory vessel, establishment, auction market or wholesale market is situated.

(2) A food authority which receives a copy of an application pursuant to paragraph (1) shall invite the representations of the applicant and, after having regard to any such representations, shall send to the Secretary of State, within 12 weeks of receipt of the copy, a written assessment of the need for the derogation and of the suitability of the plan of the work and the timetable.

(3) A food authority shall at the same time as providing the written assessment to the Secretary of State, send a copy of it to the applicant inviting him to send to the Secretary of State, within 4 weeks of the date on which the assessment was sent to the Secretary of State, his observations on it.

(4) After considering the assessment of the food authority and any observations made pursuant to the invitation mentioned in paragraph (3), the Secretary of State shall either grant or refuse the application for a derogation in respect of all or any of the requirements in respect of which a derogation was sought.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6) if an application for a derogation is granted the Secretary of State shall—

- (a) designate the factory vessel, establishment, auction market or wholesale market and the relevant requirements in respect of which the derogation is granted; and
- (b) specify the period of the derogation, which shall not in any case expire after 31st December 1995.

(6) If an application is granted for a derogation from any relevant requirement referred to in any of sub-paragraphs (a) to (w) of paragraph (7), the Secretary of State shall specify that the derogation shall apply only if and so long as the condition mentioned in that sub-paragraph is satisfied.

(7) The requirements and conditions referred to in paragraph (6) are—

- (a) as respects point 1(a) of Section 1 of Chapter I, the condition is that fishery products are sheltered from the sun and the elements and from any source of dirt or contamination;

- (b) as respects point 1(c) of Section 1 of Chapter I, the condition is that the contamination of fishery products is avoided;
- (c) as respects point 1(d) of Section 1 of Chapter I, the condition is that the finished products are stored on board at the required temperature;
- (d) as respects point 1(g) of Section 1 of Chapter I, the condition is that products for human consumption are not contaminated by waste water, waste or engine coolant;
- (e) as respects point 1(h) of Section 1 of Chapter I, the condition is that the staff handling fishery products are able to wash their hands after using the toilet;
- (f) as respects point 2(a) of Section 1 of Chapter I, the condition is that the floors are properly cleaned and disinfected;
- (g) as respects point 3 of Section 1 of Chapter I, the condition is that the equipment and tools are well maintained;
- (h) as respects point 3(a) of Section 1 of Chapter II, the condition is that the walls are kept clean;
- (i) as respects point 3(b) of Section 1 of Chapter II, the condition is that the flooring is kept clean after every sale;
- (j) as respects point 3(e) of Section 1 of Chapter II, the condition is that fishery products contaminated by exhaust fumes are withdrawn from the market;
- (k) as respects point 3(j) of Section 1 of Chapter II, the condition is that products which are not fit for human consumption cannot contaminate or be mixed with fishery products;
- (l) as respects point 1 of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that finished products cannot be contaminated by raw materials or waste;
- (m) as respects point 2(a) of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that flooring is cleaned and disinfected accordingly;
- (n) as respects point 2(b) of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that the walls are kept clean;
- (o) as respects point 2(c) of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that the ceiling is not a source of contamination;
- (p) as respects point 2(e) of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that products cannot be spoiled or contaminated by the steam;
- (q) as respects point 2(g) of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that there are facilities for staff to wash their hands;
- (r) as respects point 5 of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that instruments and working equipment are kept clean;
- (s) as respects point 6 of Section I of Chapter III, the condition is that products are not contaminated by waste or leakage therefrom;
- (t) as respects point 1 of Section I of Chapter IV, the condition is that products are re-iced as often as necessary during a period not in excess of 12 hours, alternatively a nearby cold room not belonging to the establishment can be used;
- (u) as respects point 6 of Section I of Chapter IV, the condition is that products shall not be able to be contaminated by waste or leakage therefrom;
- (v) as respects point 5, of Section IV of Chapter IV, the condition is that every precaution shall be taken to prevent fishery products that are being prepared or stored from being affected by the smoke;
- (w) as respects point 6 of Section IV of Chapter IV, the condition is that fishery products that are being prepared or stored are not affected by salting operations.

(8) If an application is refused or is granted otherwise than in accordance with the application the Secretary of State shall give written notice to the applicant of the reasons for his decision.

(9) The Secretary of State shall in all cases given written notice of his decision to both the applicant and the food authority which provided the assessment.

Enforcement and execution

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), these Regulations shall be enforced and executed—

- (a) as respects each London borough or district in England and Wales, by the Council of that borough or district;
- (b) as respects the City of London (including the Temples), by the Common Council;
- (c) as respects each islands area or district in Scotland, by the islands or district Council; and
- (d) as respects the Isles of Scilly by the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

(2) Where any functions are assigned—

- (a) by an order under section 2 or 7 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984⁽³⁾ to a port health authority; or
- (b) by an order under section 172 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897⁽⁴⁾ to a port local authority;

these Regulations shall be enforced by that authority within its area and not by the authority mentioned in paragraph (1).

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 24th June 1992.

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24th June 1992

John Selwyn Gummer
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

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Secretary of State for Wales

(3) 1984 c. 22.

(4) 1897 c. 38.

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Hector Monro
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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTERS I, II, III & IV OF THE ANNEX

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CHAPTER I. CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO FACTORY VESSELS	WHETHER DEROGATION POSSIBLE AND LIMITATIONS
Section I. Conditions concerning design and equipment	
1. The minimum requirements for factory vessels are as follows:	
(a) (a) a reception area set aside for taking fishery products on board, designed and arranged into pounds or pens that are large enough to allow each successive catch to be separated. The reception area and its movable parts must be easy to clean. It must be designed in such a way as to protect the products from the sun or the elements and from any source of dirt or contamination;	yes
(b) (b) a system for conveying fishery products from the reception area to the work area that conforms with rules of hygiene;	no
(c) (c) work areas that are large enough for the preparation and processing of fishery products in proper conditions of hygiene. They must be designed and arranged in such a way as to prevent any contamination of the products;	yes
(d) (d) storage areas for the finished products that are large enough and designed so that they are easy to clean. If a waste processing unit operates on board, a separate hold must be designated for the storage of these by-products;	yes, in so far as the storage areas for finished products are concerned
(e) (e) a place for storing packaging materials that is separate from the product preparation and processing areas;	no
(f) (f) special equipment for pumping waste or fishery products that are unfit for human consumption either directly into the sea or, where circumstances so require, into a watertight tank reserved for that purpose. If waste is stored	no

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and processed on board with a view to cleaning, separate areas must be allocated for that purpose;	
(g) (g) equipment providing a supply of potable water within the meaning of Council Directive 80/778/EEC of 15th July 1980 ⁽⁵⁾ relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption or pressurised clean seawater. The seawater intake must be situated in a position where it is not possible for the water being taken in to be affected by discharges into the sea of waste water, waste and engine coolant outlets;	yes, in so far as the seawater intake is concerned
(h) (h) a suitable number of changing rooms, wash basins and toilets, the latter not opening directly onto areas where fishery products are prepared, processed or stored. The wash basins must be equipped with appliances for washing and drying the hands that comply with hygiene requirements; the wash-basin taps must not be hand-operable.	yes
2. Areas used for the preparation and processing or freezing/quick-freezing of fishery products must have:	
(a) (a) a non-slip floor that is also easy to clean and disinfect and equipped for easy drainage of water. Structures and fixtures must have limber holds that are large enough not to be obstructed by fish waste and to allow water to drain freely;	yes
(b) (b) walls and ceilings that are easy to clean, particularly where there are pipes, chains or electricity conduits;	yes
(c) (c) the hydraulic circuits must be arranged or protected in such a way as to ensure that it is not possible for any leakage of oil to contaminate fishery products;	yes
(d) (d) adequate ventilation and, where necessary, proper vapour extraction;	yes

(5) OJ NoL229, 30.9.1980, p.11. Directive last amended by the 1985 Act of Accession (OJNoL302, 15.11.1985, p.218).

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(e) (e) adequate lighting;	no
(f) (f) appliances for cleaning and disinfecting tools, equipment and fittings;	no
(g) (g) appliances for cleaning and disinfecting the hands with taps that are not hand-operable and with single use towels.	yes, in so far as respects taps and towels
3. Equipment and tools such as cutting benches, containers, conveyors, gutting or filleting machines, etc must be resistant to seawater corrosion, easy to clean and disinfect and well-maintained.	yes
4. Factory vessels which freeze fishery products must have:	
(a) (a) a refrigeration plant sufficiently powerful to lower the temperature rapidly so as to achieve a core temperature that complies with the specifications of the Directive;	no
(b) (b) refrigeration plants sufficiently powerful to keep fishery products in the storage holds at a temperature that complies with the specifications of the Directive. The storage holds must be equipped with a temperature recording system placed so that it can easily be consulted.	no

Section II. Conditions of hygiene relating to on-board handling and storage of fishery products

1. A qualified person on board the factory vessel must be responsible for applying good fishery products manufacturing practices. That person shall have the authority to ensure that the provisions of the Directive are applied and shall make available to inspectors the programme for inspecting and checking critical points as applied on board, a register containing that person's comments and the temperature recordings that may be required.

2. The general conditions of hygiene applicable to areas and equipment shall be those laid down in Chapter III, Section IIA, of the Annex.

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<p>3. The general conditions of hygiene no applicable to staff shall be those laid down in Chapter III, Section IIB, of the Annex.</p> <p>4. Heading, gutting and filleting must be no carried out under the conditions of hygiene laid down in Chapter IV, Section 1(2), (3) and (4) of the Annex.</p> <p>5. On-board processing of fishery products no must be carried out under the conditions of hygiene laid down in Chapter IV, Sections III, IV and V of the Annex.</p> <p>6. Fishery products must be wrapped and no packaged under the conditions of hygiene laid down in Chapter VI of the Annex.</p> <p>7. On-board storage of fishery products must no be carried out under the conditions of hygiene laid down in Chapter VIII, points 1 and 2 of the Annex.</p>	
<p>CHAPTER II. REQUIREMENTS DURING AND AFTER LANDING</p>	<p>WHETHER DEROGATION POSSIBLE AND LIMITATIONS</p>
<p>1. Unloading and landing equipment must be no constructed of material which is easy to clean and disinfect and must be kept in a good state of repair and cleanliness.</p> <p>2. During unloading and landing, no contamination of fishery products must be avoided. It must in particular be ensured that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — unloading and landing operations proceed rapidly; — fishery products are placed without unnecessary delay in a protected environment at the temperature required on the basis of the nature of the product and, where necessary, in ice in transport, storage or market facilities, or in an establishment; — equipment and handling practices that cause unnecessary damage to the edible parts of the fishery products are not authorised. <p>3. Parts of auction or wholesale markets where fishery products are displayed for sale must:</p>	
<p>(a) (a) be covered and have walls yes which are easy to clean;</p> <p>(b) (b) have waterproof flooring which yes is easy to wash and disinfect and laid in</p>	

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such a way as to facilitate the drainage of water and have a hygienic waste water disposal system;	
(c) (c) be equipped with sanitary facilities with an appropriate number of wash basins and flush lavatories. Wash basins shall be supplied with materials for cleaning the hands and single use hand towels;	yes, in so far as the number of wash basins and flush lavatories are concerned
(d) (d) be well lit to facilitate the inspection of fishery products provided for in Chapter V of the Annex;	no
(e) (e) when they are used for display or storage of fishery products, not be used for other purposes; vehicles emitting exhaust fumes which may impair the quality of the fishery products not be admitted to markets; undesirable animals must not be admitted;	yes, in so far as vehicles emitting exhaust fumes are concerned
(f) (f) be cleaned regularly and at least after each sale; crates must, after each sale, be cleaned and rinsed inside and outside with drinking water or clean seawater; where required, they must be disinfected;	no
(g) (g) have displayed in a prominent position signs prohibiting smoking, spitting, eating and drinking;	no
(h) (h) be closeable and be kept closed when the competent authority considers it necessary;	no
(i) (i) have facilities to provide adequate water supplies satisfying the conditions laid down in Chapter III, Section I, point 7 of the Annex;	no
(j) (j) have special receptacles made of corrosion-resistant materials for fishery products which are unfit for human consumption;	yes
(k) (k) in so far as they do not have their own premises on-the-spot or in the immediate vicinity on the basis of the quantities displayed for sale, have, for the purposes of the competent	yes

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<p>authority, an adequately equipped lockable room and the equipment necessary for carrying out inspections.</p> <p>4. After landing or, where appropriate, after no first sale, fishery products must be transported without delay under the conditions laid down in Chapter VIII, of the Annex, to their place of destination.</p> <p>5. However, if the conditions laid down no in point 4 are not fulfilled, the markets in which fishery products may be stored before being displayed for sale or after being sold and pending transport to their place of destination must have sufficiently large cold rooms which satisfy the conditions laid down in Chapter III, Section I, point 3 of the Annex. In such cases, fishery products must be stored at a temperature approaching that of melting ice.</p> <p>6. The general conditions of hygiene laid no down in Chapter III, Section II—with the exception of point B 1(a)—of the Annex shall apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i> to the markets in which fishery products are displayed for sale or stored.</p> <p>7. The wholesale markets in which fishery yes, in so far as it refers to point 3 of the same products are displayed for sale or stored shall Chapter and point 10 of Chapter III, Section I be subject to the same conditions as those laid down in points 3 and 5 of this Chapter and to those set out in points 4, 10 and 11 of Chapter III, Section I of the Annex. The general conditions of hygiene laid down in Chapter III, Section II of the Annex shall apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i> to wholesale markets.</p>	
<p>CHAPTER III. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS ON LAND</p> <p>Section I. General conditions relating to premises and equipment</p> <p>Each establishment shall afford at least the following facilities:</p> <p>1. working areas of sufficient size for work to be carried out under adequate hygienic conditions. Their design and layout shall be such as to preclude contamination of the product and keep quite separate the clean and contaminated parts of the building;</p> <p>2. in areas where products are handled, prepared and processed:</p>	<p>WHETHER DEROGATION POSSIBLE AND LIMITATIONS</p>

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(a) (a) waterproof flooring which is easy to clean and disinfect and laid down in such a way as to facilitate the drainage of the water or provided with equipment to remove water;	yes
(b) (b) walls which have smooth surfaces and are easy to clean, durable and impermeable;	yes
(c) (c) ceilings or roof linings which are easy to clean;	yes
(d) (d) doors in durable materials which are easy to clean;	yes
(e) (e) adequate ventilation and, where necessary, good steam and water-vapour extraction facilities;	yes
(f) (f) adequate natural or artificial lighting;	no
(g) (g) an adequate number of facilities for cleaning and disinfecting hands. In work rooms and lavatories, taps must not be hand-operable. These facilities must be provided with single use hand towels;	yes
(h) (h) facilities for cleaning plant, equipment and utensils;	no
3. in cold rooms where fishery products are stored:	yes
— the provisions set out under point 2(a), (b), (c), (d) and (f);	
— where necessary, a sufficiently powerful refrigeration plant to keep products at temperatures prescribed in the Directive;	
4. appropriate facilities for protection against pests such as insects, rodents, birds etc;	no
5. instruments and working equipment such as cutting tables, containers, conveyor belts and knives made of corrosion-resistant materials, easy to clean and disinfect;	yes, in so far as it relates to corrosion-resistant materials
6. special watertight, corrosion-resistant containers for fishery products not intended for human consumption and premises for the storage of such containers if they are not emptied at least at the end of each working day;	yes
7. facilities to provide adequate supplies of drinking water within the meaning of	no

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<p>Directive 80/778/EEC, or alternatively of clean seawater or seawater treated by an appropriate system, under pressure and in sufficient quantity. However, by way of exception, a supply of non-drinking water is permissible for the production of steam, fire-fighting and the cooling of refrigeration equipment, provided that the pipes installed for the purpose preclude the use of such water for other purposes and present no risk of contamination of the products. Non-drinking-water pipes must be clearly distinguishable from those used for drinking water or clean seawater;</p>	
<p>8. hygienic waste water disposal system;</p>	no
<p>9. an adequate number of changing-rooms with smooth, water-proof, washable walls and floor, wash basins and flush lavatories. The latter may not open directly onto the work rooms. The wash basins must have materials for cleaning the hands and disposable towels; the wash basin taps must not be hand-operable;</p>	no
<p>10. if the volume of products treated requires regular or permanent presence an adequately equipped lockable room for the exclusive use of the inspection service;</p>	yes
<p>11. adequate facilities for cleaning and disinfecting means of transport. However, such facilities are not compulsory if there is a requirement for the means of transport to be cleaned and disinfected at facilities officially authorised by the competent authority;</p>	no
<p>12. establishments keeping live animals such as crustaceans and fish must have appropriate fittings ensuring the best survival conditions provided with water of a quality such that no harmful organisms or substances are transferred to the animals.</p>	no
<p>Section II. General conditions of hygiene</p>	
<p>A. General conditions of hygiene applicable to premises and equipment</p>	
<p>1. Floors, walls and partitions, ceilings or roof lining, equipment and instruments used for working on fishery products must be kept in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and repair, so that they do not constitute a source of contamination for the products.</p>	no
<p>2. Rodents, insects and other vermin must be systematically exterminated in the premises or on the equipment; rodenticides, insecticides,</p>	no

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disinfectants and any other potentially toxic substances must be stored in premises or cupboards which can be locked; their use must not present any risk of contamination of the products.	
3. Working areas, instruments and working equipment must be used only for work on fishery products. However, following authorisation by the competent authority they may be used at the same time or other times for work on other foodstuffs.	
4. Drinking water, within the meaning of no Directive 80/778/EEC , or clean seawater must be used for all purposes. However, by way of an exception, non-drinking water may be used for steam production, fire-fighting and the cooling of refrigeration equipment, provided that the pipes installed for the purpose preclude the use of such water for other purposes and present no risk of contamination of the products.	
5. Detergents, disinfectants and similar no substances must be approved by the competent authority and used in such a way that they do not have adverse effects on the machinery, equipment and products.	
B. General conditions of hygiene applicable to staff	
1. The highest possible standard of cleanliness is required of staff. More specifically:	
(a) (a) staff must wear suitable no clean working clothes and headgear which completely encloses the hair. This applies particularly to persons handling exposed fishery products;	
(b) (b) staff assigned to the handling no and preparation of fishery products must be required to wash their hands at least each time work is resumed; wounds to the hands must be covered by a waterproof dressing;	
(c) (c) smoking, spitting, eating and no drinking in work and storage premises of fishery products must be prohibited.	
2. The employer shall take all the requisite no measures to prevent persons liable to contaminate fishery products from working on	

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<p>and handling them, until there is evidence that such persons can do so without risk. When recruited, any person working on and handling fishery products shall be required to prove, by a medical certificate, that there is no impediment to such employment. The medical supervision of such a person shall be governed by the national legislation in force in the Member State concerned or in the case of third countries by specific guarantees to be fixed under the procedure set out in Article 15 of the Directive.</p>	
<p>CHAPTER IV. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR HANDLING FISHERY PRODUCTS ON SHORE</p>	<p>WHETHER DEROGATION POSSIBLE AND LIMITATIONS</p>
<p>Section I. Conditions for fresh products</p>	
<p>1. Where chilled, unpackaged products are not dispatched, prepared or processed immediately after reaching the establishment, they must be stored or displayed under ice in the establishment's cold room. Re-icing must be carried out as often as is necessary; the ice used, with or without salt, must be made from drinking water or clean seawater and be stored under hygienic conditions in receptacles provided for the purpose; such receptacles must be kept clean and in a good state of repair. Prepacked fresh products must be chilled with ice or mechanical refrigeration plant creating similar temperature conditions.</p>	<p>yes, in so far as respects the requirement for products being held over to be put in the establishment's cold room</p>
<p>2. If they are not carried out on board, operations such as heading and gutting must be carried out hygienically. The products must be washed thoroughly with drinking water or clean seawater immediately after such operations.</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>3. Operations such as filleting and slicing must be carried out in such a way as to avoid the contamination or spoilage of fillets and slices, and in a place other than that used for heading and gutting operations. Fillets and slices must not remain on work tables any longer than is necessary for their preparation. Fillets and slices to be sold fresh must be chilled as quickly as possible after preparation.</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>4. Guts and parts that may constitute a danger to public health must be separated from and removed from the vicinity of products intended for human consumption.</p>	<p>no</p>
<p>5. Containers used for the dispatch or storage of fresh fishery products must be designed in</p>	<p>no</p>

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such a way as to ensure both their protection from contamination and their preservation under sufficiently hygienic conditions and, more particularly, they must provide adequate drainage of melt water.	
<p>6. Unless special facilities are provided for the continuous disposal of waste, the latter must be placed in leakproof, covered containers which are easy to clean and disinfect. Waste must not be allowed to accumulate in working areas. It must be removed either continuously or as soon as the containers are full and at least at the end of each working day in the containers or to the premises referred to in Chapter III, Section I, point 6 of the Annex. The containers, receptacles and/or premises set aside for waste must always be thoroughly cleaned and, if appropriate, disinfected after use. Waste stored there must not constitute a source of contamination for the establishment or of pollution of its surroundings.</p>	yes, in so far as the requirements for waste to be put in leakproof covered containers
<p>Section II. Conditions for frozen products</p> <p>1. Plants must have:</p> <p>(a) (a) freezing equipment sufficiently powerful to achieve a rapid reduction in the temperature so that the temperature laid down to in the Directive can be obtained in the product;</p> <p>(b) (b) freezing equipment sufficiently powerful to keep products in storage rooms at a temperature not exceeding those laid down in the Directive, whatever the ambient temperature may be.</p> <p>However, for technical reasons related to the method of freezing and to the handling of such products, for whole fish frozen in brine and intended for canning, higher temperatures than those laid down in the Directive are acceptable although they may not exceed -9°C.</p>	
<p>2. Fresh products to be frozen or quick-frozen must comply with the requirements of Section I of this Chapter.</p>	no
<p>3. Storage rooms must have a temperature recording device in a place where it can easily be read. The temperature sensor of the recorder must be located in the area furthest away from</p>	no

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the cold source, i.e. where the temperature in the storage room is the highest.	
Temperature charts must be available for inspection by the supervisory authorities at least during the period in which the products are stored.	
Section III. Conditions for thawing products	
Establishments that carry out thawing operations must comply with the following requirements:	
<p>1. fishery products must be thawed under no hygienic conditions; their contamination must be avoided and there must be adequate drainage for any melt water produced.</p> <p>During thawing, the temperature of the products must not increase excessively;</p> <p>2. after thawing, fishery products must be no handled in accordance with the requirements of the Directive. When they are prepared or processed, these operations must be carried out without delay. If they are put directly onto the market, particulars as to the thawed state of the fish must be clearly marked on the packaging in accordance with Article 5(3) of Council Directive 79/112/EEC of 18th December 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs(6).</p>	
Section IV. Conditions for processed products	
<p>1. Fresh, frozen and thawed products used for no processing must comply with the requirements of Sections I or II of this Chapter.</p> <p>2. Where the processing treatment is carried no out to inhibit the development of pathogenic micro-organisms, or if it is a significant factor in the preservation of the product, the treatment must be scientifically recognised by the law in force, or in the case of a treatment of products referred to in Chapter I Section 1(b) and (c) of Directive 91/492/EEC(7) which have not been relayed or purified, such treatment must be approved, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 15 of this Directive, within four</p>	

(6) OJ No L33, 8.2.1979, p.1. Directive last amended by Directive [91/72/EEC](#) (OJ No L42, 16.1.1991, p.22).

(7) OJ No L 268, 24.9.1991, p.1.

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months of receipt of a request from a Member State.	
The person responsible for an establishment must keep a register of the processing carried out. Depending on the type of process employed, details such as heating time and temperature, salt content, pH, water content, etc, must be monitored and controlled. Records must be kept at least for the expected storage life of the products and be available to the competent authority.	
3. For products which are preserved for a no limited period by a treatment such as salting, smoking, drying or marinading, the appropriate conditions for storage must be clearly marked on the packaging, in accordance with Directive 79/112/EEC .	
In addition, the following conditions shall be complied with.	
4. Canning	
In the case of fishery products which have been subjected to sterilization in hermetically sealed containers:	
(a) (a) the water used for the no preparation of cans must be drinking water;	
(b) (b) the process used for the heat no treatment must be appropriate, having regard to such major criteria as the heating time, temperature, filling, size of containers etc, a record of which must be kept; the heat treatment must be capable of destroying or inactivating pathogenic organisms and the spores of pathogenic micro-organisms. The heating equipment must be fitted with devices for verifying whether the containers have in fact undergone appropriate heat treatment. Drinking water must be used to cool containers after heat treatment, without prejudice to the presence of any chemical additives used in accordance with good technological practice to prevent corrosion of the equipment and containers;	

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<p>(c) (c) further checks must be carried out at random by the manufacturer to ensure that the processed products have undergone appropriate heat treatment, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — incubation tests: incubation must be carried out at 37°C for seven days or at 35°C for ten days, or at any other equivalent combination; — microbiological examination of contents and containers in the establishment's laboratory or in another approved laboratory; <p>(d) (d) samples must be taken of production each day at predetermined intervals, to ensure the efficacy of sealing. For that purpose, appropriate equipment must be available for the examination of cross-sections of the can-seams;</p> <p>(e) (e) checks are carried out in order to ensure that containers are not damaged;</p> <p>(f) (f) all containers which have undergone heat treatment under practically identical conditions must be given a batch identification mark, in accordance with Council Directive 89/396/EEC of 14th June 1989 on indications or marks identifying the lot to which a foodstuff belongs⁽⁸⁾.</p>	<p>no</p> <p>no</p> <p>no</p> <p>no</p> <p>no</p>

5. Smoking

Smoking must be carried out in separate premises or a special place equipped, if necessary, with a ventilation system to prevent the smoke and heat from the combustion from affecting other premises or places where fishery products are prepared, processed or stored.

yes, in so far as the location of the place used for smoking is concerned

- (a) (a) Materials used to produce smoke for the smoking of fish must be stored away from the place of smoking and must be used in such a way that they do not contaminate the products.
- (b) (b) Materials used to produce smoke by burning wood that has

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L186, 30.6.1989, p.21.

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	been painted, varnished, glued or has undergone any chemical preservation treatment must be prohibited.
(c)	(c) After smoking, products must no be cooled rapidly to the temperature required for their preservation before being packaged.
6. Salting	
(a)	(a) Salting operations must yes take place in different premises and sufficiently removed from the premises where the other operations are carried out.
(b)	(b) Salt used in the treatment of no fishery products must be clean and stored in such a way as to preclude contamination. It must not be re-used.
(c)	(c) Any container used for salting no or brining must be constructed in such a way as to preclude contamination during the salting or brining process.
(d)	(d) Containers or areas used for no salting or brining must be cleaned before use.
7. Cooked crustacean and molluscan shellfish products	
	Crustaceans and molluscan shellfish must be cooked as follows:
(a)	(a) any cooking must be followed no by rapid cooling. Water used for this purpose must be drinking water or clean seawater. If no other method of preservation is used, cooling must continue until the temperature approaching that of melting ice is reached;
(b)	(b) shelling or shucking must be no carried out under hygienic conditions avoiding the contamination of the product. Where such operations are done by hand, workers must pay particular attention to the washing of their hands and all working surfaces must be cleaned thoroughly. If machines are used, they must be cleaned at frequent intervals and disinfected after each working day.

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	After shelling or shucking, cooked products must immediately be frozen or kept chilled at a temperature which will preclude the growth of pathogens, and be stored in appropriate premises;
(c)	(c) every manufacturer must no carry out micro-biological checks on his production at regular intervals, complying with the standards to be fixed in accordance with Chapter V, Section 4 of the Annex.

8. Mechanically recovered fish flesh

The mechanical recovery of fish flesh must be carried out under the following conditions:

- (a) (a) mechanical recovery of no gutted fish must take place without undue delay after filleting, using raw materials free of guts. Where whole fish are used, they must be gutted and washed beforehand;
- (b) (b) the machinery must be cleaned no at frequent intervals and at least every two hours;
- (c) (c) after recovery, mechanically no recovered flesh must be frozen as quickly as possible or incorporated in a product intended for freezing or stabilizing treatment.

Section V. Conditions concerning parasites

1. During production and before they are no released for human consumption, fish and fish products must be subject to a visual inspection for the purpose of detecting and removing any parasites that are visible.

Fish or parts of fish which are obviously infested with parasites, and which are removed, must not be placed on the market for human consumption.

The detailed rules for this inspection shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 15 of the Directive, on a proposal from the Commission to be submitted before 1 October 1992.

2. The fish and fish products referred to in no point 3 which are to be consumed as they are

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must, in addition, be subjected to freezing at a temperature of not more than -20°C in all parts of the product for not less than 24 hours. Products subjected to this freezing process must be either raw or finished.	
3. Fish and products subject to the conditions in point 2:	no
(a) fish to be consumed raw or almost raw, e.g. raw herring “maatje”;	no
(b) the following species, if they are to undergo a cold smoking process at which the internal temperature of the fish is less than 60°C :	no
— herring,	
— mackerel,	
— sprat,	
— (wild) Atlantic and Pacific salmon;	
(c) marinated and/or salted herring where this process is insufficient to destroy the larvae of nematodes.	no
This list may be amended, in the light of scientific data, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 15 of the Directive. In accordance with the same procedure, criteria will be laid down which must enable the processes which are deemed sufficient or insufficient to destroy nematodes to be defined.	
4. Manufacturers must ensure that fish and fish products listed in point 3 or the raw materials for use in their manufacture are subjected to the treatment described in point 2, prior to their release for consumption.	no
5. The fishery products listed in point 3 must, when they are placed on the market, be accompanied by a document from the manufacturer stating the type of process they have undergone.	no

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations relate to the implementation of Council Directive [91/493/EEC](#) of 22nd July 1991, laying down health conditions for the production and placing on the market of fishery products (“the Directive”). The Directive is to be implemented by 1st January 1993.

One of the requirements of the Directive is that factory vessels, establishments, auction markets and wholesale markets are to be approved, only if they meet the requirements of the Directive. Amongst those requirements are requirements relating to equipment and structures set out in Chapters I to IV of the Annex to the Directive.

The Directive provides for Member States to grant a derogation in respect of certain of the requirements relating to equipment and structures (set out in Chapter IX of the Annex to the Directive) provided that an application for the derogation is made before 1st July 1992 (see regulation 3). All of the requirements relating to equipment and structures are set out in Column (1) of the Schedule to these Regulations. Those which are capable of being the subject of a derogation are indicated appropriately in Column (2) of that Schedule.

These Regulations set out the procedure to be followed on an application for a derogation (see regulation 4) and for how such an application is to be determined (see regulation 5). They set out the conditions which must continue to be satisfied for the derogation to apply (see regulation 5(6) and (7)). They do not implement the main substantive provisions of the Directive.