
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations enable the enforcement, in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, of EU common marketing standards for fishery products contained in—

- Council Regulation (EC) No. 2406/96 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products (OJ No. L334, 23.12.1996, p. 1); and
- Regulation (EU) No. 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (OJ No. L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1).

These Regulations make provision for enforcement authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to appoint authorised officers for the purposes of ensuring that EU common marketing standards for fisheries products are complied with (regulation 4).

Authorised officers are provided with powers of entry, inspection and seizure for the purposes of investigation and inspection of relevant premises and products to identify breaches of the relevant EU requirements (regulations 5 and 7). Authorised officers are also given the power to serve compliance notices for breaches of the relevant EU requirements (regulation 8).

Contravening the EU common marketing standards is an offence (regulation 12(1)). The failure to comply with a compliance notice, within the specified time, is also an offence (regulation 12(2)).

The Regulations make provision for appeals against compliance notices and any refusal to serve a completion notice (regulations 10 and 11).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.