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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Scallop Fishing (Wales) (No.2) Order 2010**

**Specification of scallop dredges**

**10.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, no British fishing boat is permitted to tow any scallop dredge within Welsh waters unless in relation to such a dredge—

- (a) no part of its frame is greater than 85 centimetres wide;
- (b) it includes a functioning, operational and moveable spring loaded tooth bar;
- (c) it does not contain any attachments to the rear, top or inside of the dredge;
- (d) it does not contain a diving plate or any other similar device;
- (e) the total weight of the dredge including all fittings does not exceed 150 kilograms;
- (f) the number of belly rings in each row suspended from the belly bar does not exceed 7;
- (g) the number of teeth on the tooth bar does not exceed 8; and
- (h) each tooth on the tooth bar measures no more than 22 millimetres in diameter and 110 millimetres in length.

(2) In this article—

- (a) a row of belly rings is a line of single interconnecting rings, where the ring at one end of the line hangs either from the belly bar or from the main structure of the dredge perpendicular to the belly bar;
- (b) a belly bar is the bar attached to the frame of the dredge which runs parallel to the tooth bar and from which the belly rings hang;
- (c) a tooth bar is the bar to which are attached teeth, the ends of which point downwards and are intended to be in contact with the sea bed when the dredge is in operation;
- (d) the diameter of a tooth is its maximum width measured in the direction of the line of the tooth bar; and
- (e) the length of a tooth is the distance between the underside of the tooth bar and the tip of the tooth.

(3) Belly rings and the fastenings which attach them to each other and to the frame are not to be regarded as attachments for the purpose of paragraph (1)(c).