STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING
LANDING AND SALE OF SEA-FISH

The North Sea Haddock (Prohibition of Fishing and Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976

Made - - -	*29th November* 1976
Laid before Parliament	*3rd December* 1976
Coming into Operation	*5th December* 1976

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 5(1) and (2) and 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(**c**), hereby make the following order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This order may be cited as the North Sea Haddock (Prohibition of Fishing and Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 5th December 1976.

Interpretation

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.

Prohibitions

3. During the period 5th December 1976 to 31st December 1976, both dates inclusive—

(*a*) fishing for haddock (Melanogrammus aiglefinus) within the North Sea, being the area described in the Schedule to this order, and

(*b*) subject to Article 4 the landing in the United Kingdom of any haddock caught within the North Sea,

is hereby prohibited.

(**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, and subsequently to the Secretary of State for Trade, see the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293)). and the Secretary of State (New Department) Order 1974 (S.I. 1974/692 (1974 I, p. 2711)).
(**d**) 1889 c 63.

Exception from Prohibition of Landing

4. The prohibition imposed by Article 3(*b*) above is imposed subject to the following exceptions:—

(*a*) the landing of haddock caught in the North Sea if the haddock was caught in the course of fishing for sea fish and on landing does not exceed 10 per cent. by weight of the total catch; or

(*b*) the landing of haddock caught in the North Sea by a foreign fishing boat.

Powers of British Sea-Fishery Officers

5. For the purposes of the enforcement of this order there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th November 1976.

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Bruce Millan,
25th November 1976. Secretary of State for Scotland.

Roy Mason,
29th November 1976. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

Article 3

THE NORTH SEA

The area of sea contained within a line drawn from a position having the co-ordinates of 62° latitude and 4° west longitude, due south to the north coast of Scotland, thence generally south-eastwards along the north and east coasts of Scotland and the east coast of England, thence westwards along the south coast of England to a point in 51° north latitude, thence due east to the coast of France, thence generally in a north-easterly direction along the coasts of France, Belgium, the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany and Denmark to Skagen Point, thence along a rhumb line to the Pater Noster Lighthouse on the coast of Sweden, thence generally in a north-westerly, south-westerly and northerly direction along the coasts of Sweden and Norway to the parallel of 62° north latitude, thence due west to the meridian of 4° west longitude.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order which implements an agreement of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission bans, from 5th December 1976 to 31st December 1976, both dates inclusive, fishing for haddock in the North Sea and the landing in the United Kingdom of any North Sea haddock, except as an unavoidable by-catch of other species or by a foreign fishing boat.

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