

1976 No. 109

**DISEASES OF FISH****Risk of Infection (Fish) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976***Made* . . . . . 22nd March 1976*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st June 1976

WHEREAS it is provided by section 3 of the Diseases of Fish Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) that where the Department(b) of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") is satisfied that there is a likelihood of any waters becoming infected waters the Department may make an Order prohibiting the bringing, otherwise than under the authority and in accordance with the terms of a written permit issued by the Department, into Northern Ireland, or any part of Northern Ireland specified in the Order, of any fish or any species, condition or description of fish whether alive or dead other than frozen or canned or cooked fish duly imported into Northern Ireland in compliance with any regulations for the time being in force relating to matters of public health or food hygiene; or any food for fish:

AND WHEREAS the Department is satisfied that there is a likelihood of the waters specified in the Schedule hereto becoming infected waters.

NOW THEREFORE the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 3 of the Diseases of Fish Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, hereby makes the following Order:

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Risk of Infection (Fish) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1976.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order "Salmonidae" means fish of the family Salmonidae including the Genera *Salmo*, *Salvelinus* and *Oncorhynchus*.

*Prohibition*

3. No person shall bring into any part of Northern Ireland any salmonidae whether alive or dead other than frozen or canned or cooked fish duly imported into Northern Ireland in compliance with any regulations for the time being in force relating to matters of public health or food hygiene.

*Exemptions*

4.—(1) The prohibitions imposed by this Order shall not apply to any salmonidae brought into any part of Northern Ireland under the authority and in accordance with the terms of a written permit issued by the Department.

(2) This Order shall not apply to imports of salmonidae from the Republic of Ireland.

(a) 1967 c. 7 (N.I.)

(b) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 22nd March 1976.

(L.S.)

*E. G. Sherrard*

Assistant Secretary

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### SCHEDULE

The inland waters of Northern Ireland, that is to say the waters of any river above the boundary between the tidal and freshwater portions thereof, and the waters of any freshwater lake.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order prohibits the general importation of salmonidae fish into Northern Ireland unless such fish are frozen, canned or cooked.

This prohibition does not apply to imports from the Republic of Ireland, nor to imports specifically authorised by the Department of Agriculture.