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FISHERIES

Lobsters (Prohibition of Introduction) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made 30th March 1982

Coming into operation 1st May 1982

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 13(1) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Lobsters (Prohibition of Introduction) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1982.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“lobsters” means fish of the species *Homarus americanus* or *Homarus gammarus*;

“the prohibited waters” means waters within British fishery limits which are adjacent to Northern Ireland and all tidal waters (whether forming part of the sea or not) within Northern Ireland.

Prohibition

3. A person shall not introduce into the prohibited waters any live lobsters or any young thereof taken from outside the prohibited waters.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 30th March 1982.

(L.S.)

N. E. Morrison

Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: see Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c. 36) Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
 (b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits the introduction into the prohibited waters of live American lobsters (*Homarus americanus*) and European lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*) or the young thereof taken from outside the prohibited waters. The prohibited waters are waters within British fishery limits which are adjacent to Northern Ireland and are not nearer to any point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain or the Isle of Man is measured than to any point on the corresponding Northern Irish baselines and all tidal waters (whether forming part of the sea or not) within Northern Ireland. Under section 13(3) of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 the Department may, on the application of any person, issue to that person a permit exempting him from the prohibition imposed by Article 3 of the Order. The Department may attach such conditions to a permit as it thinks proper.

A person who contravenes this Order is guilty of an offence under the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.