

1982 No. 99

DISEASES OF FISH

Lobsters (Risk of Infection) 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 3(1) of the Diseases of Fish Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(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 (Risk of Infection) 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 permitted 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 bring into Northern Ireland lobsters whether alive or dead (other than frozen or canned or cooked lobsters 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) taken from outside the permitted waters.

Exemption

4. The prohibition imposed by Article 3 shall not apply to any lobsters taken from outside the permitted waters and brought into Northern Ireland under the authority and in accordance with the terms of a written permit issued by the Department.

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) 1967 c. 7 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits the bringing into Northern Ireland of live or dead American lobsters (*Homarus americanus*) and European lobsters (*Homarus gammarus*) taken from outside the permitted waters, unless such fish are frozen, canned or cooked. The permitted 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. The prohibition does not apply to live or dead American or European lobsters taken from outside the permitted waters and brought into Northern Ireland under permit issued by the Department.

A person who contravenes this Order is guilty of an offence under the Diseases of Fish Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.