

1983 No. 100

FISHERIES

Fisheries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made

29th April 1983

Coming into operation

13th June 1983

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 20(1) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it appropriate as representing any interests concerned, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 13th June 1983.

Adoption of metric units

2. The Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) shall be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 51(2) (which relates to the length of immature salmon or trout) for "eight inches" there shall be substituted "20 centimetres";
- (b) in section 52(2) (which relates to the length of undersized pollen) for "seven and one half inches" there shall be substituted "19 centimetres";
- (c) in section 56(1)(a) [c] (which relates to the use of fishing engines at or in the vicinity of dams) for "two hundred yards" there shall be substituted "200 metres";
- (d) in section 56(1)(b) [c] (which relates to the use of a rod or line at or in the vicinity of dams) for "five yards" there shall be substituted "5 metres";
- (e) in section 59(1)(b) (which relates to the space between the bars of gratings set in watercourses) for "two inches" there shall be substituted "5.1 centimetres";
- (f) in section 67(1) (which relates to the mesh size of nets made of non-rigid material for taking salmon in the sea or tideways) for "one and three quarter inches" there shall be substituted "4.4 centimetres" and for "seven inches" there shall be substituted "17.6 centimetres";
- (g) in section 68(1) (which relates to the width of the meshes or openings of engines made of rigid material for taking salmon in the sea or tideways) for "three inches" there shall be substituted "7.5 centimetres" and for "two inches" there shall be substituted "5 centimetres";
- (h) in section 69(1)(b) (which relates to the offence of using salmon nets near the mouths of rivers) for "half a mile" there shall be substituted "805 metres";
- (i) in section 72(1)(b) (which relates to the mesh size of nets for taking fish in fresh-water) for "one and three quarter inches" there shall be substituted "4.4 centimetres" and for "seven inches" there shall be substituted "17.6 centimetres";

(a) S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)

(b) 1966 c. 17 (N.I.)

[c] As inserted by 1968 c. 31 (N.I.) s. 5

- (j) in section 78(1) (which relates to the offence of erecting or using fixed fishing engines at the mouths of salmon rivers) for "one mile" there shall be substituted "1610 metres";
- (k) in section 79(1) (which relates to the prohibition of bag nets at certain places) for "three miles" there shall be substituted "4830 metres";
- (l) in section 79(3)(a) (which relates to the placing of bag nets at a river mouth by a person who has the exclusive right of catching salmon in the whole of the river) for "three miles" there shall be substituted "4830 metres";
- (m) in section 81(1)(d) (which relates to the width of gaps provided in fishing weirs) for "fifty feet" there shall be substituted "15.2 metres" and for "three feet" there shall be substituted "91 centimetres";
- (n) in section 85(1)(d) (which relates to the distance between bars of the inscales and hecks of boxes in salmon weirs) for "two inches" there shall be substituted "5.1 centimetres";
- (o) in section 86(1) (which relates to the length of guiding walls attached to salmon weirs) for "twenty feet" wherever it occurs there shall be substituted "6 metres";
- (p) in section 100(1) (which relates to the openings to be provided in boxes in salmon weirs during the weekly close time) for "four feet" there shall be substituted "1.2 metres";
- (q) in section 120(5) (which relates to the entry in a register of retail sales of salmon, trout and eels) for "five pounds" there shall be substituted "2.25 kilograms";
- (r) in section 163(1) (which relates to the painting of the names of owners on fishing boats) for "two inches" there shall be substituted "5 centimetres".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 29th April 1983.

(L.S.)

N. E. Morrison

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations provide for the substitution of metric measurements for imperial measurements in the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (1966 c. 17 (N.I.)).