
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 296

**Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions)
Order (Northern Ireland) 2001**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 8th August 2001.

(2) In this Order—

- (a) “designated area” means the area designated in Article 3 and the Schedule;
- (b) “relevant time” means, in relation to the designated area, 0001 hours on 8th August 2001;
- (c) “scallops” means scallops of the species *Pecten maximus* and Queen scallops of the species *Chlamys opercularis*;
- (d) “the Department” means the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽¹⁾ shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Designated circumstances

2. In the opinion of the Department, scallops in the designated area may be affected by the toxin which causes diarrhetic shellfish poisoning in human beings and are likely to create a hazard to human health if they are consumed.

Designated area

3. The area described in the Schedule is hereby designated for the purposes of Part I of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985.

Activity prohibited in the designated area

4. A person shall not fish for or take any scallops in the designated area.

Prohibition on movement

5. A person shall not move any scallops out of the designated area or from one place to another within the designated area.

Restrictions

6. A person shall not—

- (a) use any scallops taken out of the designated area after the relevant time in the preparation or processing for supply of food and anything from which food could be derived;

(1) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

- (b) land any scallops which were in waters in the designated area after the relevant time;
- (c) supply, or have in possession for supply, any scallops which were in the designated area after the relevant time;
- (d) supply, or have in possession for supply, any food or anything from which food could be derived in the preparation or processing of which anything was used in contravention of paragraph (a); or
- (e) feed to any creature a feeding stuff in the preparation or processing of which anything was used in contravention of paragraph (a).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 8th August 2001.

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