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The Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

PART II

OFFICIAL CONTROLS CHARGES OTHER THAN CHARGES FOR DIRECT LANDINGS FROM THIRD COUNTRY VESSELS AND THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS

General landings charge

10.—(1) The first sale in Northern Ireland of relevant landed fishery products shall be a chargeable transaction for the purposes of this Part.

(2) Where there is a chargeable transaction, the vendor shall include in the price which he charges the purchaser an amount equal to the charge referred to in this Part as “the general landings charge”.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) and regulation 11, the amount of the general landings charge shall be a contribution in respect of the expenditure incurred in exercising the official controls required under Chapter II of Annex III to Regulation 854/2004 of 1 Euro per tonne for the first 50 tonnes of relevant landed fishery products and 0.5 Euro per tonne for each additional tonne of such products.

(4) Where the actual costs attributable to the exercise of official controls in relation to an unloaded consignment of specific pelagic fish do not exceed 50 Euros, the general landings charge in respect of that consignment shall not exceed that amount.

(5) The vendor shall pay the general landings charge to the relevant district council.

Reduction of the general landings charge

11. The relevant district council to which a charge is payable under regulation 10(5) shall reduce that charge by 55% where any of the official controls required under Chapter II of Annex III to Regulation 854/2004 are facilitated on the basis that—

- (a) the fish are graded for freshness or size in accordance with relevant national or Community rules; or
- (b) the first sale transactions are grouped together.

Collection and remittance of charges relating to general landings

12.—(1) Within 7 days of the end of each account period in which a vendor enters into a chargeable transaction, he shall make a written return in respect of that transaction to the relevant district council to which the general landings charge is payable.

(2) The return shall give information which relates to the chargeable transaction entered into during that account period or, if there has been more than one such transaction, information in respect of the aggregate of the transactions.

- (3) A return made under this regulation shall include the following information—
- (a) the account period to which the return relates;
 - (b) the place of landing and first sale of the fishery products to which it relates; and
 - (c) for landings of fishery products other than specified pelagic fish—
 - (i) the name of each vessel and the number of consignments landed from it,
 - (ii) the aggregate weight of consignments landed by each vessel which do not exceed 50 tonnes and the first 50 tonnes of consignments the weight of which exceeds that amount, and
 - (iii) the aggregate weight of consignments less the weight calculated under paragraph (ii);
 - (d) for landings of specified pelagic fish—
 - (i) the name of each vessel and the number of consignments landed from it, and
 - (ii) the aggregate weight of consignments landed by each vessel which do not exceed 50 tonnes and the first 50 tonnes of consignments the weight of which exceeds that amount;
 - (e) the amount of any reduction under regulation 11 which has been made in respect of—
 - (i) consignments of fish consisting only of fish other than specified pelagic fish, and
 - (ii) consignments of specified pelagic fish only,specifying under which paragraph of that regulation that reduction has been made; and
 - (f) the amount of the general landings charge.
- (4) During the period of 1 year beginning on and including the day on which a vendor makes a return under this regulation—
- (a) the relevant district council to which it was made may require the vendor to provide separate information of the kind required by paragraph (3) in respect of each transaction included in it; and
 - (b) the vendor shall retain records which are sufficient to enable him to supply any such information.

Charge for fishery products landed from factory vessels

13.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), by way of contribution in respect of the expenditure incurred by the relevant district council in exercising the official controls required under Annex III to Regulation 854/2004 in respect of a factory vessel, the owner or master of the vessel shall pay to that district council 1 Euro per tonne of fishery products which is landed.

(2) The charge payable under paragraph (1) shall be payable in addition to the charge payable under regulation 10(5) but shall not apply in relation to third country imports or relevant fishery products which are sold for the first time in Northern Ireland.

Reduction of the charge in respect of products landed from factory vessels

14. The relevant district council to which a charge is payable under regulation 13(1) shall reduce that charge by 55% where—

- (a) first sale and preparation or processing is carried out on the same factory vessel; or
- (b) operating conditions on a factory vessel, and guarantees as to the ship's own checks, are such that inspection staff requirements can be reduced.

Collection and remittance of the factory vessel charge

15.—(1) Within 7 days of the end of each account period in which fishery products in respect of which a charge is payable under regulation 13(1) have been landed from a factory vessel, the owner or master of the vessel who is responsible for paying that charge shall make a written return in respect of it to the relevant district council to which it is payable.

(2) The return shall give information, which relates to the landing of fishery products from a factory vessel during that account period or, if there has been more than one such landing, information in respect of the aggregate of them.

(3) A return made under this regulation shall include the following information—

- (a) the account period to which the return relates;
- (b) the name of each factory vessel from which fishery products are landed and each place of landing;
- (c) the number of landings during that account period;
- (d) the weight of the fishery products landed;
- (e) the amount of any reduction made under regulation 14, specifying under which paragraph of that regulation that reduction has been made; and
- (f) the amount of the charge payable under regulation 13(1).

(4) During the period of 1 year beginning on and including the day on which an owner or master makes a return under this regulation—

- (a) the relevant district council to which the return was made may require him to provide separate information of the kind required by paragraph (3) in respect of each landing included in it; and
- (b) he shall retain records which are sufficient to enable him to supply any such information.

Charge in respect of factory vessels abroad

16. In respect of the expenditure incurred by the competent authority in exercising the official controls required under paragraphs 2(c) and 3(a) (insofar as they apply in relation to factory vessels) and 3(b) of Chapter I of Annex III to Regulation 854/2004, the owner or master of a fishery vessel shall pay to that authority the actual costs of the official controls.

Charge in respect of preparation or processing establishments

17. By way of contribution in respect of the expenditure incurred by the relevant district council in exercising the official controls required under Annex III to Regulation 854/2004 in respect of a preparation or processing establishment, the proprietor or operator of the establishment shall pay to that district council 1 Euro per tonne of fishery products entering that establishment.

Reduction of the charge in respect of preparation or processing establishments

18. The relevant district council to which a charge is payable under regulation 17 shall reduce that charge by 55% where preparation or processing is carried out—

- (a) on the same site as the first sale; or
- (b) in an establishment in which operating conditions and guarantees as to the establishment's own checks are such that inspection staff requirements can be reduced.

Collection and remittance of charges relating to preparation or processing establishments

19.—(1) Within 7 days of the end of each account period in which fishery products have entered a preparation or processing establishment, the proprietor or operator who is responsible for paying the charge under regulation 17 relating to that establishment shall make a written return in respect of that charge to the relevant district council to which it is payable.

(2) The return shall give information which relates to the fishery products which have entered that establishment during that account period.

(3) A return made under this regulation shall include the following information—

- (a) the account period to which the return relates;
- (b) the weight of the fishery products entering the establishment;
- (c) the amount of any reduction made under regulation 18, specifying under which paragraph of that regulation that reduction has been made; and
- (d) the amount of the charge payable under regulation 17.

(4) During the period of one year beginning on and including the day on which a proprietor or operator makes a return under this regulation—

- (a) the relevant district council to which the return was made may require him to provide separate information of the kind required by paragraph (3) in respect of each batch of fishery products included in it; and
- (b) he shall retain records which are sufficient to enable him to supply any such information.

Charges in respect of other establishments

20. In respect of the expenditure incurred by the relevant district council in carrying out a programmed inspection for the purposes of the official controls required under Annex III to Regulation 854/2004, the proprietor of an establishment in which fishery products are only chilled, frozen, packaged or stored shall pay to that district council the actual costs of that programmed inspection.