

WHALING INDUSTRY

1959 No. 2054

The Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959

Made - - - - 30th November, 1959

Coming into Operation 11th December, 1959

The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under Sections 3, 5, 6, 8 and 18 of the Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1934(a), as amended by Part III of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938(b), and under the Whaling Industry (Sperm Whales) Order, 1937(c), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and after consultation with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the eleventh day of December, 1959, and may be cited as the Whaling Industry (Ship) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959.

(2) In these Regulations, the expression “the 1955 Regulations” means the Whaling Industry (Ship) Regulations, 1955(d).

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(e), shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Paragraph 1 (b) of Part I of the Second Schedule and paragraph 1 (b) of Part II of the Second Schedule to the 1955 Regulations shall each be read and construed as if for the reference to “the 7th January” there were substituted a reference to “the 28th December”, and as if for the words “in the same year” there were substituted the words “next following”.

(a) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 49. (b) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 30. (c) S.R. & O. 1937/628 (Rev. VII, p. 932: 1937, p. 747). (d) S.I. 1955/1973 (1955 II, p. 241c). (e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. Paragraph 1 (e) of Part I of the Second Schedule and paragraph 1 (e) of Part II of the Second Schedule to the 1955 Regulations shall each be read and construed as if for the reference to "the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th February" there were substituted a reference to "the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd January."

4. Paragraph 1 (d) of Part II of the Second Schedule to the 1955 Regulations shall be read and have effect as if for the reference to 70° West there were substituted a reference to 60° West.

5. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph 11 of Part II of the Second Schedule to the 1955 Regulations :—

"There shall be maintained on each ship engaged in treating whales at least two Whale Fishery Inspectors for the purpose of maintaining continuous inspection while the ship is so engaged, provided that Inspectors need not be maintained on ships which, apart from the storage of products, are used during the season solely for freezing or salting the meat and entrails of whales intended for human food or feeding animals."

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this thirtieth day of November, 1959.

(L.S.)

B. P. H. Dickinson,
An Under Secretary of the
Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Whaling Industry (Ship) Regulations, 1955. The principal changes give effect in relation to United Kingdom and Colonial ships to certain resolutions of the International Whaling Commission made at its meeting which concluded on the 1st July, 1959. Under the Regulations :—

- (1) The period during which Baleen whales (excluding Minke whales) may be taken in the Antarctic is extended, but the extension does not apply to the taking of Blue whales.
- (2) The period during which Humpback whales may be taken in the Antarctic is altered.
- (3) Ships which are used solely for freezing or salting whale meat are exempted from the requirement to carry Inspectors.