

1977 No. 1497

## SEA FISHERIES

BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING  
The Mackerel Licensing Order 1977*Made - - - - 7th September 1977**Laid before Parliament 8th September 1977**Coming into Operation 17th September 1977*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 4 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a) (as section 15 is amended by section 22(1) of, and paragraph 38 of Schedule 1 to, the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(b) and as sections 4 and 15 are amended by sections 3 and 9(1) of, and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2 to, the Fishery Limits Act 1976(c) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Mackerel Licensing Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 17th September 1977.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In this order—

“mile” means a nautical mile of 1,852 metres;

“specified ICES areas” means those statistical areas of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea(d) which are referred to by their short names in column 1 of the Schedule to this order and are described in column 2 of the Schedule opposite the reference to their short names, but excluding any part of those areas which is within 12 miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man respectively is measured.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Prohibition of fishing without a licence*

3. Fishing by British fishing boats registered in the United Kingdom for mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) in any of the specified ICES areas is hereby prohibited unless such fishing is authorised by a licence granted by one of the Ministers.

(a) 1967 c. 84.  
(d) Cmnd 2586.

(b) 1968 c. 77.  
(e) 1889 c. 63.

(c) 1976 c. 86.

*Enforcement*

4. For the purpose of the enforcement of this order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea-fishery officer the powers of a British sea-fishery officer under section 8(2) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 as subsection (4) is amended by section 9(1) of, and paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 2 to, the Fishery Limits Act 1976.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th September 1977.

(L.S.)

*A. D. Neale,*  
Secretary.

*Bruce Millan,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

6th September 1977.

*Roy Mason,*  
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

7th September 1977.

## Article 2.

## SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2
ICES areas	Description
IV	<p>The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of Norway in 62° 00' north latitude; thence due west to 4° 00' west longitude; thence due south to the coast of Scotland; thence in an easterly and southerly direction along the coasts of Scotland and England to a point in 51° 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of France; thence in a north-easterly direction along the coasts of France, Belgium, the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany to the western terminus of its boundary with Denmark; thence along the west coast of Jutland to Thyboren; thence in a southerly and easterly direction along the south coast of the Limfjord to Egensekloster Point; thence across the eastern entrance of the Limfjord to Hals; thence in a westerly direction along the north coast of the Limfjord to the southernmost point of Agger Tange; thence in a northerly direction along the west coast of Jutland to a point in 57° 00' north latitude; thence due west to 8° 00' east longitude; thence due north to 57° 30' north latitude; thence due west to 7° 00' east longitude; thence due north to the coast of Norway; thence in a north-westerly direction along the coast of Norway to the point of beginning.</p>
VI	<p>The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the north coast of Scotland in 4° 00' west longitude; thence due north to 60° 30' north latitude; thence due west to 5° 00' west longitude; thence due south to 60° 00' north latitude; thence due west to 18° 00' west longitude; thence due south to 54° 30' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of the Republic of Ireland; thence in a northerly and easterly direction along the coasts of the Republic of Ireland and of Northern Ireland to a point on the east coast of Northern Ireland in 55° 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of Scotland; thence in a northerly direction along the west coast of Scotland to the point of beginning.</p>
VII	<p>The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the west coast of the Republic of Ireland in 54° 30' north latitude; thence due west to 18° 00' west longitude; thence due south to 48° 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of France; thence in a northerly and north-easterly direction along the coast of France to a point in 51° 00' north latitude; thence due west to the south-east coast of England; thence in a westerly and northerly direction along the coasts of England, Wales and Scotland to a point on the west coast of Scotland in 55° 00' north latitude; thence due west to the coast of Northern Ireland; thence in a northerly and westerly direction along the coasts of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to the point of beginning.</p>
VIII	<p>The waters bounded by a line beginning at a point on the coast of France in 48° 00' north latitude; thence due west to 18° 00' west longitude; thence due south to 43° 00' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of Spain; thence in a northerly direction along the coasts of Spain and France to the point of beginning.</p>

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order prohibits fishing by British fishing boats registered in the United Kingdom for mackerel in ICES areas IV, VI, VII and VIII except any part of those areas which is within 12 miles of the territorial baselines of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man respectively, unless authorised by a licence granted by one of the fisheries Ministers.

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