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SEA FISHERIES
BOATS AND METHODS OF FISHING
**The Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing
Order 1979**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>23rd January 1979</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>2nd February 1979</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>12th February 1979</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and the Secretary of State for Wales, jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4 and 15 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967(a), and now vested in them by virtue of article 2(3) of the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978(b), 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 Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 12th February 1979.

Interpretation

2. In this order “length”, in relation to a vessel, means the length in relation to which its tonnage is calculated for the purposes of registration under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(c).

Prohibition of fishing without a licence

3. Subject to the provisions of article 4 below, fishing by British boats registered in the United Kingdom for haddock (*melanogrammus aeglefinus*) within the sea areas off the west coast of Scotland and around Rockall as specified in the Schedule to this order is hereby prohibited unless such fishing is authorised by a licence by one of the Ministers.

Exception from prohibition of fishing

4. The prohibition imposed in article 3 shall not apply to fishing by British fishing boats of registered length less than forty feet.

(a) 1967 c. 84; section 15 was amended by the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77), section 22(1) and Schedule 1 Part II paragraph 38; and sections 4 and 15 were amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), sections 3 and 9(1) and Schedule 2 paragraph 16(1).

(b) S.I. 1978/272.

(c) 1894 c. 60.

Enforcement

5. For the purpose of the enforcement of this order, there are hereby conferred on every British sea fishery officer all the powers of a British sea fishery officer under section 8(2) to (4) of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968(a).

In Witness Whereof

The Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 23rd January 1979.

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

3rd January 1979.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

10th January 1979.

Roy Mason,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

22nd January 1979.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

(a) 1968 c. 77; section 8(4) was amended by the Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86), section 9(1) and Schedule 2, paragraph 17(1).

SCHEDULE

Article 3 WEST OF SCOTLAND WATERS (ICES AREA VIa)

The area of sea bounded by a line commencing at the point of intersection of the north coast of Scotland and the meridian of 4° 00' west longitude running due north to the parallel of 60° 30' north latitude; thence due west to the meridian of 5° 00' west longitude; thence due south to the parallel of 60° 00' north latitude; thence due west to the meridian of 12° 00' west longitude; thence due south to the parallel of 54° 30' north latitude; thence due east to the coast of the Republic of Ireland; thence in a northerly and easterly direction along the coast of the Republic of Ireland and of Northern Ireland to the point of intersection of the east coast of Northern Ireland and the meridian of 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 commencement.

ROCKALL AREA (ICES AREA VIb)

The area of sea bounded by a line commencing at the point of intersection of the parallel of 60° 00' north latitude, and the meridian of 12° 00' west longitude running due west to the meridian of 18° 00' west longitude; thence due south to the parallel of 54° 30' north latitude; thence due east to the meridian of 12° 00' west longitude and thence due north to the point of commencement.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits fishing by British fishing boats registered in the UK for haddock in specified sea areas off the West Coast of Scotland and around Rockall except under licence but exempts from this prohibition fishing by British fishing boats of registered length less than forty feet. The Order also confers powers on British sea fishery officers for the purposes of enforcement of the Order.

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