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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1630**

**SEA FISHERIES**

**The Fishing Boats (Specified Countries)  
Designation (Variation) Order 1997**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>2nd July 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>3rd July 1997</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>4th July 1997</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretaries of State respectively concerned with sea fishing in Scotland and Northern Ireland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1) and 6(2) of the Fishery Limits Act 1976<sup>(1)</sup> and now vested in them<sup>(2)</sup> and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

**Title and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (Variation) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 4th July 1997.

**Variation of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1996**

2. The Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1996<sup>(3)</sup> shall be varied by substituting, for Schedule 2 to that Order, the Schedule to this Order.

26th June 1997

*Elliot Morley*  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

26th June 1997

*Sewel*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish  
Office

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(1) 1976 c. 86; see section 8 for the definition of “the Ministers”.  
(2) In the case of the Secretary of State for Wales, by virtue of S.I. 1978/272.  
(3) S.I. 1996/1035.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

26th June 1997

*Win Griffiths*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh  
Office

2nd July 1997

*Marjorie Mowlam*  
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

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Article 3

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Countries</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>ICES area (as defined in</i> <i>article 2)</i>	<i>Column 3</i> <i>Descriptions of fish</i>
Faroe Islands	Ila	Herring.
	IVa, b, c	Horse mackerel, Norway pout, sand eels, sprat, other white fish by-catches (note (a)).
	IVa	Mackerel.
	Part of VIa	Ling, tusk, blue ling, herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, Norway pout, sprat, blue whiting.
	VIb	Ling, tusk, blue ling, blue whiting.
	VIIe, f, h	Mackerel, horse mackerel.
	All sub-areas and divisions	Porbeagle.
Norway	Ila	Mackerel, blue whiting, argentine, blue ling, ling, tusk, Greenland halibut, herring, other species (note (b)).
	IVa	All species.
	IVb	All species except for mackerel.
	IVc	All species except for herring and mackerel.
	Vb	Blue ling, ling, tusk, combined quota species (note (c)).
	Part of VIa	Mackerel, blue whiting, argentine, herring, Norway pout.
	VI	Ling, blue ling, tusk, dogfish (note (d)), basking shark, porbeagle, blue whiting, argentine, Greenland halibut,

**Notes**

- (a) “Other white fish by-catches” means by-catchers of fish of descriptions other than those specified in column 3 in relation to the Faroe Islands.
- (b) “Other species” means fish of descriptions other than those specified in column 3 in relation to Norway, subject to the qualification that catches of sole shall be limited to by-catches.
- (c) “Combined quota species” means grenadier or rat-tails, mora mora, greater forkbeard.
- (d) “Dogfish” includes grey shark, black shark, bird-beak dogfish, leafscale gulper shark, greater lantern shark, smooth lantern shark and Portuguese dogfish.
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order varies the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1996 which designates the Faroe Islands and Norway as countries whose registered fishing boats may fish for certain species of sea fish in certain areas of British fishery limits outside the area within 12 miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, for the purposes of section 2(1) of the Fishery Limits Act 1976. The variation effected by this Order enables boats from these countries to fish for herring in ICES division IIa and is pursuant to agreements reached between the European Community and these countries on reciprocal fishing rights.