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PART XII

RESTRICTIONS ON THE DIMENSIONS OF DRAFT NETS AND
DRIFT NETS AND ON THE USE OF BOATS FOR DRIFT NETTING

63.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) a boat shall not be used for drift netting unless it is a fishing vessel registered under the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations 1993⁽¹⁾ and having a port of choice (within the meaning of those Regulations) in Northern Ireland.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a boat used by a fisherman resident outside Northern Ireland who has held a drift net licence in any one of the 3 calendar years immediately preceding the date of application for a drift net licence to be issued in accordance with these Byelaws.

(3) A boat used for drift netting shall not exceed 12.2 metres in length, such length to be measured from the foreside of the foremost fixed permanent structure to the aftmost part of the stern or transom.

(1) S.I.1993/3138 as amended by S.I. 1994/541, S.I. 1998/1915, S.I. 1998/2976 and S.I. 1999/3206