

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 1826

SEA FISHERIES

LANDING AND SALE OF SEA FISH

The Immature Bass Order 1976

*Made - - - - 1st November 1976**Laid before Parliament 10th November 1976**Coming into Operation 1st December 1976*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State concerned with the sea fishing industry in Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 1 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967^(a) as amended by section 16 of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968^(b) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Immature Bass Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1976.

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

3. For the purposes of section 1(1) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (which prohibits in Great Britain the landing, sale, exposure or offering for sale or the possession for the purpose of sale of any sea fish of any description, being a fish of smaller size than such size as may be prescribed in relation to sea fish of that description) the following size is hereby prescribed:—

In relation to bass of the species *Dicentrarchus labrax*, an overall length of 26 centimetres.

4. There shall not be carried by any foreign fishing boat in waters adjacent to the United Kingdom and within the fishery limits of the British Islands any bass which is of less than the minimum size prescribed in relation thereto by article 3 of this Order.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 29th October 1976.

(L.S.)

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

1st November 1976.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

(a) 1967 c. 84.

(b) 1968 c. 77.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prescribes for bass of the species *Dicentrarchus labrax* a minimum size of 26 centimetres below which the fish may not be landed or sold in Great Britain or carried on a British fishing boat, and prohibits the carrying of bass below that size by foreign fishing boats within British fishery limits (as defined in section 1 of the Fishery Limits Act 1964 (c.72)).

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