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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1983 No. 1139**

**The Receiving of Trans-shipped Sea  
Fish (Licensing) (Variation) Order 1983**

**Variation of the Receiving of Trans-shipped Sea Fish (Licensing) Order 1982**

2. The Receiving of Trans-shipped Sea Fish (Licensing) Order 1982 shall be varied by substituting for article 3 thereof the following articles:—

**“Prohibition of receiving trans-shipped sea fish without a licence**

3. Within British fishery limits the receiving by any vessel (whether British or foreign) of any pelagic sea fish trans-shipped from any other vessel is prohibited unless authorised by a licence granted by one of the Ministers.

**Defence**

3A. In any proceedings under article 3 of this order in respect of the receiving of pelagic sea fish caught by a foreign fishing boat, it shall be a defence, unless the receiving of the fish took place within the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, for the person charged to prove that the fish to which the charge relates were caught outside British fishery limits.”