
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits fishing for mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*) during the period beginning with the date of coming into force of the Order and ending immediately before 1st April 1995—

- (a) by any British fishing boat registered in the United Kingdom within that part of ICES Statistical Division IIa lying within British fishery limits and within any part of the other sea areas specified in the Schedule to the Order, and
- (b) by any British fishing boat registered in the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands or by any British-owned fishing boat within any part of sea areas ICES Statistical Division IIa and ICES Statistical Sub-Area IV which lie within British fishery limits (article 2).

By virtue of section 5(6) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (as amended by section 22(2) of the Fisheries Act 1981), where, in the course of any fishing operations conducted in any of the above-mentioned sea areas, mackerel are taken on board a boat to which this Order applies, those fish shall (subject to section 9 of that Act) be returned to the sea forthwith.

British sea-fishery officers are given certain enforcement powers for the purpose of the enforcement of the Order (article 3).