
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1949

**The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community
Conservation Measures) Order 1997**

Powers of other officers

9.—(1) For the purpose of enforcing article 3 of this Order in so far as it applies to undersized fish, any of the following officers, that is to say—

- (a) any officer authorised by any of the Ministers,
- (b) any officer of a market authority, acting within the limits of any market which that authority has power to regulate, and
- (c) any fishery officer of a local fisheries committee acting within the district of the committee,

may, at all reasonable times, go on board any British fishing boat or enter any premises (other than a dwelling) used for carrying on any business in connection with the treatment, storage or sale of fish, may search for and examine any fish in any place, whether on board a fishing boat or elsewhere, and whether in a receptacle or not, and may seize any fish in respect of which he has reasonable grounds to suspect that an offence under article 3 of this Order has been committed.

(2) For the purpose of enforcing article 3 of this Order in so far as it relates to nets and other fishing gear, any fishery officer of a local fisheries committee may, within the district of the committee, go on board any British fishing boat and search for and examine all nets or other fishing gear and any fish carried in that boat, and may seize any net or other fishing gear in respect of which he has reasonable grounds to suspect that an offence under article 3 of this Order has been committed.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (1) of this article the district of a local fisheries committee shall be deemed to extend throughout the area of any council liable to pay, or contribute to the payment of, the expenses of the committee, except that the powers conferred by that paragraph on any fishery officer of a local fisheries committee shall not be exercisable in respect of any matter arising within the limits of any market under the control of the council of any district.