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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

By implication, gaffs (poles with fixed hooks, used for extracting fish from water by hooking their flesh), and tailers (poles with adjustable nooses, used for extracting fish from water by their tails).

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The effect of Article 24 of the Order is to prohibit the use of any instrument other than a landing net as an auxiliary to the taking of fish by rod and line. This effectively prohibits the use of gaffs and tailers. Article 24 should be read together with Articles 22 and 23 of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006 which, in relation to fishing in the Tweed district, define the lawful methods of fishing of salmon and freshwater fish respectively.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The prohibitions introduced by Article 24 are necessary for the promotion of fish welfare and the conservation of fish. Gaffs and tailers cause unnecessary harm to fish, which is incompatible with sustainable catch-and-release fishing.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- a) i) Explanatory Memorandum to The Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.
- ii) Executive Note: The Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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Impact Assessment not available.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

NO

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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