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The Undersized Bass (Wales) Order 2007

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Office of Science and Innovation

3. Originating Department

Welsh Assembly Government:

Department for Environment, Planning & Countryside

4. Notification Number

2007/0038/UK – C10A

5. Title



The Undersized Bass (Wales) Order 2007

6. Products Concerned

Enmeshing fishing nets used for fishing for bass

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Statutory Instrument establishes the Minimum Landing Size (MLS) for bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*) in Wales as 37.5cm. This applies to British fishing vessels and recreational fishermen. The Minimum Mesh Size (MMS) for gill, tangle, drift, trammel and any other enmeshing nets targeting bass in Welsh waters will be 100mm. Only those vessels landing catches comprising over 10% bass by weight from these gears would be subject to the mesh size requirement. Powers stem from the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967. The measures are planned to come into force in 2007. Under EC regulations (Council Regulation No. 850/98, as amended), the MLS for bass is 36cm and the MMS for nets targeting bass is 90mm. However, in the South Wales Sea Fisheries Committee district, the MLS and MMS are currently 37.5cm and 100mm respectively, set by local byelaws. The new Welsh measures are undertaken under Article 10 of the CFP (EC No 2371/2002).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This standardisation of MLS and MMS across Welsh waters will allow more consistent enforcement across Wales and protect small, immature bass. The 100mm MMS for enmeshing nets is based on scientific advice on the most appropriate mesh size to accompany a MLS of 37.5cm in order to reduce potential discards of undersized fish.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

e) No basic texts

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached.



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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