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## The Undersized Bass 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

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

#### 4. Notification Number

2006/0616/UK- C10A

#### 5. Title

The Undersized Bass 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 England as 40cm. 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 English fishery limits 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 April 2007. Under EC regulations (Council Regulation No. 850/98, as amended), the MLS for bass is 36cm and the MMS at which bass can be retained on board a vessel is 90mm. The English measures are undertaken under Article 10 of the CFP (EC No 2371/2002).

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The measures are intended to increase the number and size of bass available to both commercial and recreational fishermen. An increase to 40cm will provide increased protection for bass stocks by bringing the MLS closer to the average spawning size and increase the number and size of bass. A 100mm MMS for enmeshing nets is a complimentary measure and is based on scientific advice on the most appropriate mesh size to accompany a MLS of 40cm 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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