

Translation

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Executive Order on

Fishing for Blue Whiting in the Faroese Fisheries Zone with Ships from Certain Countries.

With the authority in Articles 23, 24 and 25 of Act No. 28 from the 10th of March, 1994 on Fishery the Faroese Government, in conjunction with the Parliamentary Fisheries Committee, has decided:

Article 1

In conformity with the mutual Agreement on fisheries between the Faroe Islands and the European Community, ships, which are registered and based in the EU countries, are permitted to carry out fishing in the Faroese fishing Zone (ICES AREA Vb) outside 12 nautical miles from the base lines and in conformity with these rules which are established in this Executive Order.

Article 2

Ships, which are registered and based in certain countries, cf. Annex 1, are permitted to carry out fishing exclusive for blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) in the Faroese Fishing Zone with the number of ships and for the quantities mentioned in the Annex.

2. From the 1st of January to the 30th of April and from the 1st of July to the 31th of December, all four days included, fishing exclusive for blue whiting is not permitted within lines drawn 21 nautical miles from the base lines, not however

(a) within 24 nautical miles between 240° true from Trøllhøvda (61°55'04''N 06°57'05''W) and 320° true from Barðið (62°08'30''N 07°27'00''W),

(b) within 28 nautical miles between 150° true from Akraberg Lighthouse (61°23'38''N 06°40'15''W) and 195° true from Akraberg Lighthouse (61°23'38''N 06°40'15''W) and

(c) on the Faroe Bank within lines drawn between the following 8 points and in this order:

1. 60°59'00''N 07°51'00''W
2. 61°15'30''N 08°16'00''W
3. 61°13'20''N 08°42'12''W
4. 61°00'00''N 09°11'00''W
5. 60°48'40''N 09°25'00''W
6. 60°25'50''N 09°09'00''W
7. 60°36'30''N 08°45'00''W
8. 60°45'40''N 08°37'00''W

3. From the 1st of May to the 30th of June, both days included, fishing exclusively for blue whiting is not allowed within lines drawn 21 nautical miles from the base lines; not however

- (a) within 24 nautical miles between 245° true from Trøllhøvda (61°55'04''N 06°57'05''W) and 320° true from Barðið (62°08'30''N 07°27'00''W),
- (b) within 28 nautical miles between 150° true from Akraberg Lighthouse (61°23'38''N 06°40'15''W) and 180° true from Akraberg Lighthouse (61°23'38''N 06°40'15''W),
- (c) within the 200 metre isobath between 245° true from Trøllhøvda (61°55'04''N 06°57'05''W) and 180° true from Akraberg Lighthouse (61°23'38''N 06°40'15''W) and not within 12 nautical miles from the base lines, and
- (d) on the Faroe Bank, cf. paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (c).

Article 3

Conditions for fishing activity according to the regulations in Article 1 are as follows:

- (1) that the ship has a fishing licence for fishing blue whiting;
- (2) that, before fishing activity begins, the Faroese Inspection and Rescue Service is informed of the name of the captain, the name of the ship, the radio call sign, the port registration letter and number, the size and length of the ship, gross and net tonnage propulsion power and mode of catch;
- (3) that the ship informs the Inspection and Rescue Service when it enters the Faroese fisheries zone, position and states its catch that has been caught, before the ship enters the Faroese fisheries zone, specified on species and quantity;
- (4) that every morning at 07:00 UTC the ship reports its position to the Inspection and Rescue Service;
- (5) that the ship complies with the instructions given by the Inspection and Rescue Service assisting the latter in the execution of its duties;
- (6) that the ship complies with rules, which might be imposed in order to avoid congestion while fishing activity takes place in a comparatively limited area; and that
- (7) the ship informs the Inspection and Rescue Service when it leaves the Faroese fisheries zone, position and at the same time gives an estimate of the size of the catch,
- (8) that informations are given over telex 81327, over Tórshavn Radio or to telefax 13981.

Article 4

Ships which have obtained fishing licence fishing for blue whiting are not permitted to carry out any other kind of fishing activity.

- 2. Fishing gear, which is intended for other fishing activity than the fishing for blue whiting, must be kept separate in a special compartment designated for the stowing of such gear.
- 3. The Faroese Government may grant exception from the regulations in paragraphs 1 and 2 for experimental fishing.

Article 5

When fishing exclusively for blue whiting it is allowed to use trawls or Danish seine. It is permitted to use trawls with meshes from 16 millimetres and larger.

- 2. The mesh size must be such that when the mesh of a wet net is stretched diagonally lengthwise, a flat gauge, 2 millimetres thick and of the prescribed measurement, must be able to pass easily through the net, cf. regulations on the measuring of meshes.

Article 6

When ships enter areas where they are not permitted to fish, all fishing gear must be stowed away in its normal place and the trawl wires unshackled.

Article 7

Breaches of the regulations in this Executive Order will be subjected in conformity with the Articles 40 - 48 of the Act on Fishery.

Article 8

This Executive Order takes effect on the next day after the announcement.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FAROE ISLANDS, 26. January, 1995

Edmund Joensen (sign.)
Prime Minister

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(sign.)

ANNEX 1

HOME COUNTRY

ALLOWED NUMBER OF SHIPS ALLOWED SIZE OF CATCH

EU-countries: 34 1) Maximum 20 on “the main fishing area for blue whiting” an area which at any time may be established by the Inspection and Rescue Service.

25.000 tonnes

1) This figure may be increased by 4 vessels to form pairs.