**The Sea Fish (Specified Sea Areas) (Regulation of Nets and Other Fishing Gear) Order 2001**

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**Application and Exemptions**

**3.** (1) Subject to paragraph (3), articles 4 and 6 apply to any net carried in, or used by, any relevant British fishing boat in ICES IIa south of 64° north latitude and east of 4° west longitude (Norwegian Sea), ICES IV (North Sea) or ICES VI (Rockall and West of Scotland).

(1A) Subject to paragraph (3), article 4 applies to any net carried in, or used by, any foreign fishing boat in waters that are—

(a)within the area mentioned in paragraph (1)\*\*, and

(b)within relevant British fishery limits.

In the law of Northern Ireland, the reference in this paragraph to article 4 includes a reference to article 6.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), articles 4 and 6 apply to any net carried in, or used by, any Scottish fishing boat when within any part of ICES IV (North Sea) or ICES VI (Rockall and West of Scotland) which is within relevant British fishery limits.

(3) Articles 4 and 6 do not apply to any net that is—

(a) carried in, or used by, *a beam trawler;*

(b) carried properly lashed and stowed in such a way that it may not be readily used; or

(c) carried in, or used by, a boat for the purpose of fishing for queen scallops.

**Square mesh panels**

**4.** Any net to which this article applies which has a mesh size in the range 70 to 119 millimetres

shall have incorporated in it as part of the net a square mesh panel which —

(a) has a mesh size of not less than 90 millimetres, and

(b) in its entirety is no more than 12 metres from the codline or, where the net is carried in

or used by a boat for the purpose of fishing for Norway lobsters, no more than 18 metres

from the codline.

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\*\*(1) ICES IIa south of 64° north latitude and east of 4° west longitude (Norwegian Sea), ICES IV (North Sea) or ICES VI (Rockall and West of Scotland) (3) Articles 4 and 6 do not apply to any net that is—