

REGULATION
ON AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION
FOR HARMS CAUSED TO THE FISHING INDUSTRY

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Article 1

- (1) For harms caused to fish and other aquatic animals in the course of violations of Article 34-40 of the Fish Husbandry Act and other acts issued pursuant to it, violators shall pay the following compensation:

#	Kinds of fish and other aquatic animals	standard size (produce for consumption)		Young fish and aquatic animals (fish-breeding material)	
		unit measure	compensation in levs	unit measure	compensation in levs
1.	Brown and rainbow trout, char, crayling, white fish, <i>Coregonus Peled</i> , <i>Coregonus</i> Spp. and other trout family fish, <i>Barbus Meridionalis</i> Peteny Heckel	kg	50	no	75
2.	Wels, Pikeperch	kg	230	no	70
3.	Carp, <i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i> Vall, <i>Hypophthalmichthys Molitrix</i> Vall, Burbot	kg	200	no	75
4.	<i>Alosa Pontica</i> (Danube Mackerel), <i>Clondrostoma Nasus</i> , Chub, Barbel, <i>Barbus Cyclolepis</i> Heckel, <i>Aspius Aspius</i> , <i>Vimba Vimba Carinata</i> , Common Bream	kg	180	no	55
5.	Perch, Pike	kg	70	kg	150
6.	Bleak	kg	50	kg	120
7.	Other kinds of fresh water fish	kg	45	kg	100
8.	Beluga, sturgeon, trout, Schip	kg	400	no	1200
9.	Caviar of fishes in item 8	kg	2500	-	-
10.	Eel	kg	500	no	180
11.	Bass, Bonito, Bluefish, Mackerel, Tunny	kg	250	no	750
12.	Brill	kg	400	no	1200
13.	Leaping Grey Mullet, Caub, Goby, Red Mullet	kg	200	kg	600
14.	Mediterranean Scad,	kg	150	kg	450
15.	Sprat (anchovy)	kg	80	kg	240
16.	Other kinds of sea fish	kg	70	kg	220
17.	Clams and molluscs, including sea snail	kg	75	kg	230
18.	Shrimp	kg	200	-	-
19.	<i>Artemia Salina</i> and <i>Daphnia</i> Sp.	kg	2500	-	-
20.	Crabs (river, lake, sea)	no	85	no	250
21.	Frogs	no	40	no	120
22.	Other aquatic animals	kg	70	kg	200

- (2) The amount of compensation shall be doubled when the catch was made at a location prohibited for catching fish or aquatic animals, using prohibited equipment and means, as well as in violation of Article 26 and 28 of the Fish Husbandry Act.
- (3) The fish and other aquatic animals under para 2 shall be measured in kilograms or numbers respectively for produce for consumption and for fish-breeding material.

Article 2

- (1) The fish and other aquatic animals shall be considered young (fish-breeding material) and their catch, transportation, sale and purchase shall be banned all year round with the exception of those under Article 24, para 2 of the Fish Husbandry Act, wherever their size for the respective kinds should be smaller than the following:

Russian sturgeon (Beluga)	140 cm
Sturgeon	80 cm
Mercin, Star Sturgeon (Servuga)	75 cm
Eel, Wels	50 cm
Brill, hybrid between Beluga and Sturgeon	40 cm
Pike, Ctenopharyngodon Idella, Hypophtalmichthys	
Molitrix Val, Hypophtalmichthys Nobilis	35 cm
Sturgeon	33 cm
Pikeperch	30 cm
Aspius Aspius, Carp, Ictiobus Ictiobus	25 cm
Common bream	20 cm
Rainbow trout, Coregonus Peled	22 cm
Crey mullet	20 cm
Chub, Tench, Chondrostoma Nasus	20 cm
Brown trout, char, barbel, grayling	18 cm
Alosa Kesleri Pontica	17 cm
Heckel	15 cm
Mediterranean scad	10 cm
Black Sea anchovy, sprat	6 cm
Astakus Fluviatilis	8 cm
Astakus Astakus	9 cm
Rana Rana	5 cm (30 gr)
Sea snail	60 gr

- (2) Fish shall be measured from the tip of the face to the base of the tail fin, crab from the eye to the end of the tail fin, frogs from the tip of the face to the anal opening or in grams. The weight of clams, sea snails (Đalâjê) and similar molluscs shall be measured together with the shells (in uncleaned state). Young fish and other aquatic animals shall be released in the water irrespective of their condition.

- (3) The list of minimum permissible sizes of fish and other aquatic animals permitted for industrial or sports fishing and contained in para 1 may be amended by order of the departments under Article 9 and 10 of the Fish Husbandry Act for the respective waters, regulating the regime and other terms for conducting industrial and sports fishing in waters under Article 3 of this Act.
- (4) The ban under § 1 shall not apply to the transportation of fish-breeding material for use by fish farms and other industrial fishing waters and reservoirs as specified in Article 3 of the Fish Husbandry Act. In such cases the transported fish-breeding material shall be accompanied by documents certifying: the sender (seller) and recipient (buyer); place of origin and destination of the material; quantity; size (mean single weight) and kinds; veterinary certificate of health of the fish.

Article 3

Compensation under Article 1, para 1 shall be due irrespective of the manner in which the fish or other aquatic animals described in this Regulation had been collected or found. Compensation shall not be collected from any person who had found and taken fish or aquatic animals whenever another person had made the catch and that person is known.

Article 4

The amount of compensation for fish and other aquatic animals proclaimed as protected species shall be established with the Tariff of compensations for causing irreparable harms to protected natural objects (promulgated SG no. 11 of 1981; amended no. 57 of 1987).

Article 5

Compensations shall be imposed and collected in the manner described in Chapter Five of the Fish Husbandry Act. Whenever the violation had been committed in industrial fishing waters which are the property of the state and have not been granted for management and fishing in the appropriate manner to authorized persons, the compensation shall be collected in favor of the state unless provided otherwise in another act.

Article 6

Whenever the fish or other aquatic animals caught, killed or found cannot be confiscated, their value shall be collected as well as the compensation under the preceding articles calculated at current retail prices.

TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

- § 1. The departments described in Article 9 and 10 of the Fish Husbandry Act shall assign to the categories of fish and aquatic animals described in Article 1, para 1 of this Regulation other kinds of fish and aquatic animals including such brought for breeding from abroad after the entry into force of this Regulation.
- § 2. This Regulation shall apply to court cases outstanding at the date of its coming into effect.
- § 3. The departments under Article 9 and 10 of the Fish Husbandry Act or competent authorities authorized by them shall issue instructions on the application of this Regulation.
- § 4. This regulation was issued pursuant to Article 43 and § 1 of the Fish Husbandry Act, as well as to the fishing agreements for the Black Sea and the River Danube to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, and revokes the Regulation on Amounts of Compensation for Harms Caused to Fishing (SG No. 61 of 1991).