

S.I. No. 496 of 2006

Monkfish (Control of Landings) Regulations 2006

I, John Browne, Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 15 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 (No. 8 of 2006), and the Marine (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) (No. 2) Order 2006 (No. 167 of 2006), hereby make the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Monkfish (Control of Landings) Regulations 2006.

2. These Regulations shall come into force on 6 October 2006.

3. In these Regulations -

“monkfish” means fish belonging to the family *Lophiidae*.

4. (1) The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall give at least four hours’ notice to a sea-fisheries protection officer of his intention to enter port for the purposes of landing monkfish of a quantity in excess of 150 kilograms at a port or landing place in the State or at a landing place outside the State. The master shall provide the following information:

(a) the name of the vessel,

(b) the name of the port or landing place,

(c) the estimated time of arrival at the port or landing place and

(d) the quantities in kilograms (live weight) of monkfish on board.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall give the required information to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre in written form, to fax number +353 21 437 8096, or orally by phone, to phone number +353 21 437 8752.

5. If requested by a sea-fisheries protection officer, the master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall not land monkfish at any port or landing place unless on each occasion a sea-fisheries protection officer has given prior approval of the landing.

6. The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat shall store monkfish separately from other fish retained on board the boat.

7. (1) All landings of monkfish, of a quantity in excess of 750 kilograms (live weight), by Irish sea-fishing boats, landing into Ireland, shall be at a designated port.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the designated ports of landing are Greencastle, Killybegs, Ros an Mhíl, An Daingean, Castletownbere, Union Hall, Ringaskiddy in the Port of Cork, Dunmore East, Kilmore Quay, Rosslare Harbour and Howth.

8. (1) All landings of monkfish, of a quantity in excess of 750 kilograms (live weight), by foreign sea-fishing boats, landing into Ireland, shall be at a designated port.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the designated ports of landing are Greencastle, Killybegs, Ros an Mhíl, An Daingean, Castletownbere, Union Hall, Ringaskiddy in the Port of Cork, Dunmore East, Kilmore Quay, Rosslare Harbour and Howth.

GIVEN under my Hand,

21 September 2006

John Browne

**Minister of State at the Department of Communications,
Marine and Natural Resources**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

The effect of these Regulations is to establish landing controls for all Irish sea-fishing boats fishing for monkfish and to establish designated ports of landing for all Irish and foreign boats landing more than 750 kg of Monkfish.

Published by the Stationery Office, Dublin

(PRN A6/1618)

(Price 0.76)