

I assent.

(L.S.)

ANTON BUTTIGIEG
President

16th November, 1979

ACT No. XXXI of 1979

AN ACT further to amend the Fish Industry Act, 1953.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Fish Industry (Amendment) Act, 1979, and shall be read and construed as one with the Fish Industry Act, 1953, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act.

2. In subsection (1) of section 3 of the principal Act, for the words "a fine (*multa*) of fifty pounds" there shall be substituted the words "a fine (*multa*) of one thousand pounds or imprisonment for a term of three months or both such fine and imprisonment".

Amendment of section 4 of the principal Act.

3. For subsection (3) of section 4 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

"(3) In the event of any contravention of this section, besides the punishment imposed by this Act, the Court shall, on conviction, order the forfeiture of the boat concerned and the rising implements and of any fish that may be on board such boat at the time of the offence."

Substitution of section 13 of the principal Act.

4. For section 13 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following new section:

"Penalties.
13. Any person guilty of an offence under this Act shall, on conviction

(a) in the case of an offence against section 4 of this Act, be liable —

(i) to a fine (*multa*) of £4000, in respect of a first offence, and

(ii) to imprisonment for a term of three months or to a fine (*multa*) of £4000 or to both such fine and imprisonment, in respect of a second or subsequent offence;

(b) in the case of any other offence, be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than £50 but not exceeding £1000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.”

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 326 of the 14th November, 1979.

C. AGIUS
Speaker

C. MIFSUD
Clerk to the House of Representatives