

No. 46 OF 1944.

A LAW TO AMEND THE FISHERIES LAW, 1931.

H. M. FOOT,]

[27th December, 1944.

Officer Administering the Government.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Fisheries (Amendment) Law, 1944, and shall be read as one with the Fisheries Law, 1931, (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Law"), and the principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Fisheries Laws, 1931 and 1944.

Short title.
3 of 1931.

2. Section 5 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

Repeal of section 5 and substitution of new section.

"Use of explosives or poisons.

5. Any person who—

- (a) takes, stupefies or kills or attempts to take, stupefy or kill any fish by the use of dynamite or other explosive substance or by the use of any noxious or poisonous matter; or
- (b) is found in possession of dynamite or other explosive substance or of noxious or poisonous matter in such circumstances as to satisfy the Court before which he is tried that he intended to use the dynamite or other explosive substance or the noxious or poisonous matter for the purpose of taking, stupefying or killing fish; or
- (c) sells, exposes for sale or hawk, or knowingly possesses or transports, fish which has been taken by the use of dynamite or any other explosive substance or by the use of any noxious or poisonous matter,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine."

Repeal of
section 8
and substitu-
tion of new
section.

3. Section 8 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

“Forfeiture

8. In addition to or in substitution for any punishment for any contravention of this Law or any regulations made thereunder, upon conviction of the offender—

(a) any vessel, equipment, instrument or any other device or material, which in the opinion of the Court was used or was intended to be used by him for taking, stupefying, killing or poisoning fish, shall be adjudged by the Court to be forfeited ;

(b) any fish in his possession seized under the provisions of this Law, which in the opinion of the Court was taken, stupefied, killed or poisoned, or the proceeds of the sale thereof, shall be adjudged by the Court to be forfeited ;

(c) any licence issued to him under the provisions of this Law may be cancelled by the issuing authority and such person shall not be granted a new licence for a period of not less than three years from the date of such conviction.”

27th December, 1944.

H. G. RICHARDS,
Acting Colonial Secretary.