



Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Office of the Secretary  
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE)  
ORDER No. 155-1 :  
Series of 1994 )

SUBJECT : Amending Section 2 of Fisheries  
Administrative Order (FAO) No. 155,  
regulating the use of fine meshed nets  
in fishing.

Whereas, fishermen claim that massive gilling occurs in catching of small pelagic fishes when the minimum mesh size of 3 cm. is used and that the preliminary findings of studies being conducted by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources confirm such claim;

Whereas, the most common fishing gears to catch pelagic species are purse seines, ring nets and bagnets; and which common fishing gears should be exempted from the prohibition under Section 2 of FAO No. 155, until after a new FAO providing for an appropriate or optimum mesh size for each type of fishing gear have been developed by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

NOW THEREFORE, Section 2 of FAO No. 155 is hereby amended as follows:


Sec. 2. Prohibition. - It shall be unlawful for any person, association, corporation, partnership, or cooperative to fish in Philippine waters with the use of fine mesh nets: *Provided, however,* That this prohibition shall not apply to the catching of the following species of fish:

- a) *Padas (Siganidae)*, bangus fry (*Chanos chanos*), sugpo fry (*Penaeidae*), banak fry (*Mugilidae*), glass eels and elvers (*Anguillidae*), and ipon (*Gobiidae*);
- b) Marine aquarium/ornamental fishes; and
- c) Other species but already mature such as, but not limited to alamang (*Acetas supp.*), tabios/sinarapan (*Mistichthys luzonensis*), dilis (*Engralidae*), dulong (*Engraulidae and Gobiidae*), hipon tagunton (*Caridae*), and snails (*Ampularia luzonica and Vivipora spp.*).


and *Provided, further,* That this prohibition shall not apply to purse seines, ring nets, and bagnets, with a minimum limit of 1.9 cm. (17 knots) mesh size, until after a new FAO providing for an appropriate or optimum mesh for each type of fishing gear have been developed by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Issued this 10th day of June 1994, in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

  
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