

Circular

Number : **21/08**
Subject : **MINIMUM PRICES FOR HERRING FOR CONSUMPTION
PURPOSES AS FROM 14 JULY 2008.**

To : **Buyers and fishing vessels selling herring through Norges
Sildesalgslag**

Place : **Bergen** Date : **08.07.2008**

1. Minimum prices.

Norges Sildesalgslag establishes the following minimum prices for herring for consumption purposes as from Monday 14 July 2008:

Group 1	(herring with weight of 350 g and more):	NOK 3.50 pr kg
Group 2	(herring with weight between 300 g and 349 g):	NOK 2.50 pr kg
Group 3	(herring with weight between 200 g and 299 g):	NOK 1.80 pr kg
Group 4	(herring with weight of 199 g and less):	NOK 1.50 pr kg

Herring below 125 gram, which is not used for consumption purposes, shall at least be paid by NOK 0.60 pr kg.

Vessels reporting herring to NSS are obliged to give information about the assortment of their catch based on sampling onboard, which means the share of herring with weight

- 1) below 125 gram,
- 2) between 125 g – 199 g,
- 3) between 200 g – 299 g,
- 4) between 300 g – 349 g and
- 5) 350 g and more need to be reported to NSS.

Vessels are also obliged to report the average weight based on sampling onboard. It is important that the sampling onboard the vessel is carried out in a proper and a representative way. If information about the assortment and the average weight are missing the catch will not be registered for sale.

At least 3 – 5 samples have to be taken per 100 tonnes of fish discharged. Each sample should contain approximately 25 kilograms. The result of the sampling will determine the official assortment in the catch on the delivery note.

Representatives from the vessel and the buyer are responsible for sampling and both parties shall always be present when samples are taken and weighed.

When filling in the delivery note one line of quantity and price shall be filled in for each of the groups in force.

Kindly regards
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