

Circular

Number : 11/08 (replaces Circular 27/07)
Subject : **INFORMATION CONCERNING SALES OF HERRING
FOR CONSUMPTION PURPOSES .**

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

Place : **Bergen** Date : **28.04.2008**

1. Minimum prices for herring for consumption purposes.

The following minimum prices shall apply for herring as from 1 May 2008:

- **North Sea Herring** (not graded) for consumption: NOK 2.90 pr kg

The minimum price shall apply for all landings of herring for consumption sold through Norges Sildesalgslag independent of the landing port. **Grading is not permitted.**

- The minimum prices valid during autumn 2007 and winter 2008 are carried on for **Norwegian Spring Spawning Herring**;

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 2.35 pr kg
Group 3	(herring with weight between 200 g and 299 g):	NOK 1.50 pr kg
Group 4	(herring with weight of 199 g and less):	NOK 1.35 pr kg

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

The minimum prices shall apply until new minimum prices have been established.

2. Routines for determining the official assortment of the herring catch.

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.

Representatives from the vessel and from the buyer are obliged to state the official assortment/average weight of the catch on the delivery note.

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

3. Auction routines as from 1th January 2008.

The following auction times apply:

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| 1. | 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. | (Sundays between 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.) |
| 2. | 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. | |
| 3. | 6 p.m. – 7. p.m. | |
| 4. | 9 p.m. – 10 p.m. | |

We would like to stress that catches have to be reported to Norges Sildesalgslag prior to any given auction to be included in the specific auction.

Regarding the auction and the fixing of the auction area Norges Sildesalgslag would like to encourage you to include as many buyers in your auction area as possible. By doing this, the wider competition may enable a higher price at the auction.

4. Reporting and delivery.

When reporting catches to Norges Sildesalgslag the following telephone numbers shall be used:
00 47 55 54 95 50 or 00 47 55 54 95 00

The date when the vessel started on its catch shall also be reported. Likewise, if fish have been overpumped or parallellpumped from a different vessels seine, vessels are obliged to inform about this when reporting to Norges Sildesalgslag.

With reference to Norges Sildesalgslag's Business Rules a buyer is obliged to accept reasonable deviation between reported quantity and official quantity. In cases of larger deviation vessels have to prepare themselves on price reductions or in worst case that the buyer will cancel the purchase.

5. Complaints regarding the quality of the herring.

By all complaints regarding quality of the herring, Norges Sildesalgslag has to be contacted. Norges Sildesalgslag will only accept lower prices for catches compared to the auction prices if there are reasons for the complaints. In that respect, inspectors from Norges Sildesalgslag will inspect the fish, either when unloading or afterwards (by looking at a (frozen) sample later), and give their statement regarding the quality of the fish. If the quality is acceptable the auction price shall apply, if not price reductions may be the outcome.

6. Information.

On our website www.sildelaget.no you find a lot of information related to our activities. Do not hesitate to contact us if any questions.

Kindly regards
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