

Almeria-Dunkirk reefer trial...

A pilot project for shipping fish exports by sea from Almeria in Southern Spain to Dunkirk, for onward distribution to markets in France, Great Britain, Benelux and Germany, has been launched by Bahia Almeriport and Andalusia Fresh Line, with the support of the Port of Almeria and the Andalusian Fisheries and Farms Association. Traditionally the fish is moved by reefer trucks all the way across Spain and France.

On offloading in Dunkirk, the containers are handed over to DailyFresh, the refrigerated cargo logistics specialist that has one of its four Northern European storage and distribution complexes in the French port for cross-



It is hoped to start a regular Almeria-Dunkirk service in November

docking to refrigerated trailers.

The first trial shipment of 23 45ft reefer containers was made on VOHBURG towards the end of last month and the containers were dispatched immediately from the NETI container terminal to the nearby DailyFresh cool rooms, where the contents were immediately restuffed to trailers. A team from the University of

Almeria took part in the unloading and reloading and tested the state of the cargo. Assuming the tests are a success, says the Port of Dunkirk, regular shipment will begin this November. The service will be operated by Netherlands-based shortsea specialist Van Uden, chartering three ships to provide two weekly sailings in each direction.