

Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament
and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and
management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species

CHAPTER VI

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 31

Transitional provisions for non-commercial owners

1 By way of derogation from points (b) and (d) of Article 7(1), [^{F1}and, in relation to introduction into Great Britain from Northern Ireland, point (a) of Article 7(1),] owners of companion animals not kept for commercial purposes that belong to the invasive alien species included on the [^{F2}list of species of special concern] shall be allowed to keep them until the end of the animals' natural life, provided the following conditions are met:

- a the animals were kept before their inclusion on the [^{F2}list of species of special concern];
- b the animals are kept in contained holding and all appropriate measures are put in place to ensure that reproduction or escape are not possible.

2 [^{F3}The responsible authorities] shall take all reasonable steps to inform non-commercial owners of the risks posed by keeping the animals referred to in paragraph 1 and of the measures to be taken to minimise the risk of reproducing and escaping through awareness-raising and education programmes organised by [^{F4}the responsible authorities].

3 Non-commercial owners who cannot ensure that the conditions set out in paragraph 1 are met, shall not be permitted to keep the animals concerned. [^{F5}The responsible authorities] may offer them the possibility of having their animals taken from them. Where this occurs, due regard to animal welfare shall be given.

4 The animals referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article may be kept by the establishments referred to in Article 8 or in facilities established by [^{F6}the responsible authorities] for that purpose.

[^{F7}5 The references to “establishments” and “facilities” in paragraph 4 of this Article include establishments and facilities permitted or established (as the case may be) in Scotland by the Scottish Ministers for that purpose.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Art. 31(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Invasive Non-native Species \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/223), regs. 1(1)(b), **10(8)(za)** (with reg. 2(1)(a)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1590, regs. 1(1)(b)(i), 6(2)(9)(e)(i)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in Regulation substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Invasive Non-native Species \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/223), regs. 1(1)(b), **4(2)(d)** (with reg. 2(1)(a)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1590, regs. 1(1)(b)(i), 6(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1); and Regulation: [By The Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.S.I. 2020/473), regs. 1(1), **2(2)(d)** (with reg. 1(2)), it is provided that (S.) (31.12.2020) the words “Scottish list of species of special concern” are substituted for the words “Union list”

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- F3** Words in Art. 31(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Invasive Non-native Species \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/223\)](#), regs. 1(1)(b), **10(8)(a)(i)** (with reg. 2(1)(a)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1590](#), regs. 1(1)(b)(i), 6(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1); and Art. 31(2): By [The Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/473\)](#), regs. 1(1), **8(8)(a)(i)** (with reg. 1(2)), it is provided that substituted (S.) (31.12.2020) the words “The Scottish Ministers” are substituted for the words “Competent authorities”
- F4** Words in Art. 31(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Invasive Non-native Species \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/223\)](#), regs. 1(1)(b), **10(8)(a)(ii)** (with reg. 2(1)(a)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1590](#), regs. 1(1)(b)(i), 6(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1); and Art. 31(2): By [The Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/473\)](#), regs. 1(1), **8(8)(a)(ii)** (with reg. 1(2)), it is provided that (S.) (31.12.2020) the words “the Scottish Ministers” are substituted for the words “Member States”
- F5** Words in Art. 31(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Invasive Non-native Species \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/223\)](#), regs. 1(1)(b), **10(8)(b)** (with reg. 2(1)(a)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1590](#), regs. 1(1)(b)(i), 6(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1); and Art. 31(3): By [The Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/473\)](#), regs. 1(1), **8(8)(b)** (with reg. 1(2)), it is provided that substituted (S.) (31.12.2020) the words “The Scottish Ministers” are substituted for the words “Member States”
- F6** Words in Art. 31(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Invasive Non-native Species \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/223\)](#), regs. 1(1)(b), **10(8)(c)** (with reg. 2(1)(a)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1590](#), regs. 1(1)(b)(i), 6(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1); and Art. 31(4): By [The Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/473\)](#), regs. 1(1), **8(8)(c)** (with reg. 1(2)), it is provided that (S.) (31.12.2020) the words “the Scottish Ministers” are substituted for the words “Member States”
- F7** Art. 31(5) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Invasive Non-native Species \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/223\)](#), regs. 1(1)(b), **10(8)(d)** (with reg. 2(1)(a)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1590](#), regs. 1(1)(b)(i), 6(2)(9)(e)(ii)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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