

1978 No. 199

GAME

Game Preservation (Grouse, Partridge and Hen Pheasants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . 19th July 1978

Coming into operation . . . . . 11th August 1978

The Department of the Environment(a), being satisfied that it is necessary to provide special protection for grouse, partridge and hen pheasants,

(a) in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7C(1) and 7F of the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in the Head of the Department, and paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf; and

(b) after publishing, pursuant to section 7F(5) of the Act, notice of proposal to make this Order and the purport thereof and not having received any objection to the said proposal,

hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Game Preservation (Grouse, Partridge and Hen Pheasants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 11th August 1978.

Prohibition of sale of grouse

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase grouse for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 11th August 1978 to 11th August 1979.

Prohibition of shooting or taking of partridge

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to shoot or take partridge at any time from 30th September 1978 to 30th September 1979.

Prohibition of killing of hen pheasants

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to kill hen pheasants from 30th September 1978 to 30th September 1979, provided that the Department of the Environment may, where it is considered expedient so to do, grant exemption from the terms of this Article.

(a) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs then the Minister of Development and lately the Head of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning; see S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 252 (p. 1385); 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 7 (II, p. 2992); S.I. 1976/424 (N.I. 6) Art. 3  
(b) 1928 c. 25 (N.I.); see s. 3 of 1951 c. 4 (N.I.)  
(c) 1974 c. 28

*Prohibition of sale for consumption of hen pheasants*

5. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase hen pheasants for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 30th September 1978 to 30th September 1979, except that a person who has been exempted under Article 4 to kill hen pheasants may sell them to a licensed game dealer.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 19th July 1978.

(L.S.)

J. A. D. Higgins

Senior Assistant Secretary

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order prohibits, except where exemption is granted, the killing of hen pheasants during the normal open season for pheasant shooting. It also restricts dealings in hen pheasants, prohibits commercial dealings in grouse, and prohibits the shooting or taking of partridge.