

1988 No. 12

**DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS****Arctic Foxes Order (Northern Ireland) 1988***Made* . . . . . 15th January 1988*Coming into force* . . . . . 26th February 1988*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of  
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974*

Whereas the Department of Agriculture (“the Department”) is satisfied with respect to animals of the species designated *Alopex lagopus*, commonly known as the Arctic fox, that by reason of their destructive habits it is desirable to control the importation and the keeping of such animals and to destroy any which may be at large;

Now, therefore, the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 8(1) of the Destructive Imported Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1933(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Arctic Foxes Order (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into force on 26th February 1988.

*Importation or keeping of Arctic foxes*

2. A person shall not import into or keep within Northern Ireland an animal of the species designated *Alopex lagopus*, commonly known as the Arctic fox, except under a licence granted under the Destructive Imported Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1933.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 15th January 1988.

(L.S.)

S. R. Armstrong

Assistant Secretary

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order prohibits the importation into or keeping within Northern Ireland of Arctic foxes except under the authority of a licence granted under the Destructive Imported Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1933. As a result of this Order, Arctic foxes are, by virtue of section 8(1) of the Destructive Imported Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1933, brought within the provisions of that Act. Any person who contravenes this Order is guilty of an offence. The penalty on summary conviction for such an offence is a fine at level 3 on the standard scale (currently £400) or, in the case of an offence committed in respect of more than four animals, a fine at level 2 on the standard scale (currently £100) in respect of each animal. In addition the court before which any person is convicted may order any animals in respect of which the offence was committed to be forfeited and destroyed.

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