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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1995 No. 380**

The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

PART III

PROTECTION OF SPECIES

*Protection of animals*

*Prohibition of certain methods of taking or killing wild animals*

- 36.**—(1) This regulation applies in relation to the taking or killing of a wild animal—
- (a) of any of the species listed in Schedule 3 to these Regulations (which shows the species listed in Annex V(a) to the Habitats Directive, and to which Article 15 applies, whose natural range includes any area of Northern Ireland), or
  - (b) of a European protected species, where the taking or killing of such animals is permitted in accordance with these Regulations.
- (2) It is an offence to use for the purpose of taking or killing any such wild animal—
- (a) any of the means listed in paragraph (3) or (4), or
  - (b) any form of taking or killing from the modes of transport listed in paragraph (5).
- (3) The prohibited means of taking or killing of mammals are—
- (a) blind or mutilated animals used as live decoys;
  - (b) tape recorders;
  - (c) electrical and electronic devices capable of killing or stunning;
  - (d) artificial light sources;
  - (e) mirrors and other dazzling devices;
  - (f) devices for illuminating targets;
  - (g) sighting devices for night shooting comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter;
  - (h) explosives;
  - (i) nets which are non-selective according to their principle or their conditions of use;
  - (j) traps which are non-selective according to their principle or their conditions of use;
  - (k) crossbows;
  - (l) poisons and poisoned or anaesthetic bait;
  - (m) gassing or smoking out; or

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- (n) semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition.
- (4) The prohibited means of taking or killing fish are—
  - (a) poison; or
  - (b) explosives.
- (5) The prohibited modes of transport are—
  - (a) aircraft; or
  - (b) moving motor vehicles.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under this regulation shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.