

- (ii) any excess or deficiency in the amount of the advance of grant paid on the First Claim as compared with the grant correctly payable in respect of the actual net expenditure as shown at paragraph (3)(a) of this Regulation.

(4) On or within a reasonable time after the 30th November in each year the Ministry shall pay to each welfare authority an advance of grant not exceeding eighty per cent. of the amount of grant calculated as payable in respect of the half-year ending on the 31st March in the following year.

(5) The balance of the grant due shall be paid to each welfare authority after examination of the welfare authority's accounts for the year by the local government auditor and the submission of his certified statement of the expenditure ranking for grant purposes under these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this seventh day of May One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-four in the presence of

(L.S.)

*W. McCaughey,*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this seventh day of May One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-four in the presence of

(L.S.)

*D. C. B. Holden,*  
Assistant Secretary.

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## WILD BIRDS

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ORDER DATED 7TH AUGUST, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION FIVE OF THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931.

1954. No. 123.

WHEREAS under Section Five of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGE B. HANNA, Q.C., Minister of Home Affairs, may by order direct that the Act shall apply to any bird excepted from classification for special protection under the Act as if such bird were included for such classification, and specify the Category under which such bird shall be classified;

AND WHEREAS under sub-section (1) of Section Sixteen of the Act I am also empowered to prescribe from time to time by order the time of special protection for any bird not specially protected in the First Schedule to the Act:

AND WHEREAS representations have been made to me that special protection should be given to geese (Barnacle and Brent).

AND WHEREAS Notice was duly given by me on the 1st June, 1954, in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of Section Sixteen of the Act of my intention to make such an order and the purport thereof:

AND WHEREAS no objections were received by me to the making of such order:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGE B. HANNA, Q.C., Minister of Home Affairs, hereby order and direct:

1. That geese (Barnacle and Brent) shall be classified under the Act as being in Category 1 and the eggs and nests of such birds shall be deemed to be protected at all times during the operation of this Order.

2. This Order shall remain in force for a period of three years from the 8th day of August, 1954, unless sooner varied or revoked.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1954.

*George B. Hanna,*  
Minister of Home Affairs  
for Northern Ireland.

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### Sale for Consumption

ORDER DATED 27TH JULY, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION SEVEN OF THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1931, AS AMENDED BY SECTION FOUR OF THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.

1954. No. 113

WHEREAS it is provided by sub-section (1) of section seven of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland), 1931, (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") as amended by section four of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, that where it appears to the Minister of Home Affairs to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of conserving bird life in the interests of agriculture, he may, without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of the principal Act, by order direct that, during such period as may be specified in the order, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or to have in his possession for the purpose of sale, for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals, any bird specified in the order.