

1972. No. 215

[NC]

**WILD BIRDS****Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese**

ORDER, DATED 31ST AUGUST 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF STATE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 16(1) OF THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1931.

WHEREAS under section 5 of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1931(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") the 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 section 16(1) of the Act the said Minister is 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 in accordance with the provisions of section 16(6) of the Act notice of the proposal to make an Order and the purport thereof was duly given on 26th May 1972:

AND WHEREAS by section 1(1)(a) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(b) it is provided that so long as that section has effect all functions which apart from the said Act of 1972 belong to any Minister of Northern Ireland shall be discharged by the Secretary of State:

AND WHEREAS by paragraph 2(1) of the Schedule to that Act it is provided that the Secretary of State may by Order appoint such persons as he sees fit to discharge any functions exercisable by him by virtue of section 1(1) of that Act other than as therein mentioned:

AND WHEREAS by the Discharge of Functions (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 any person for the time being holding office as a Minister of State has been appointed, inter alia, to discharge the functions conferred on the Minister of Home Affairs under section 7 of the Act:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL CHANNON, M.P., Minister of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 5 and 16(1) of the Act and of all other powers in that behalf me thereunto enabling hereby order and direct as follows:—

*Citation, commencement and duration*

1. This Order may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection (Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall remain in force for a period of three years from the 1st day of September 1972 unless sooner varied or revoked.

*Special protection for Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese*

2. Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese shall be classified under the Act as being in Category I and the eggs and nests of such birds shall be deemed to be protected at all times during the operation of this Order.

Dated this 31st day of August 1972.

Paul Channon,  
Minister of State.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order gives protection at all times, and not only during the close season, to Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese and to their eggs and nests.