

**WILD BIRDS: SALE FOR CONSUMPTION**

ORDER, DATED 31ST AUGUST 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF STATE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1931 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 4 OF THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1950.

WHEREAS it is provided by section 7(1) of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1931(a) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") as amended by section 4 of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(b) 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:

AND WHEREAS by section 1(1)(a) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(c) 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, inter alia, appointed to discharge the functions conferred on the Minister of Home Affairs under section 7 of the principal Act:

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 16(6) of the principal Act notice of the proposal to make an Order and the purport thereof was duly given on the 26th May 1972:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL CHANNON, M.P., Minister of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 7 of the principal Act as amended by section 4 of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1950, and of all other powers in that behalf me thereunto enabling, hereby order and direct as follows, that is to say:—

*Citation*

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

(a) 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 14 (N.I.).  
(b) 1950. c. 26.

(c) 1972. c. 22.

*Prohibition of sale for consumption of birds*

2. 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 except wood-pigeon.

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 prohibits the sale for consumption in Northern Ireland of birds and wild fowl with the exception of wood-pigeon but does not prevent the killing of birds at times when they are not protected.

The Order does not refer to game which is protected under the Game Laws of Northern Ireland.