

1973. No. 294

[NC]

## GAME

## Grouse, Partridge and Hen Pheasants

ORDER, DATED 28TH AUGUST 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTIONS 7C AND 7F OF THE GAME PRESERVATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1928 AS INSERTED BY SECTION 3 OF THE GAME LAW AMENDMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1951.

WHEREAS it is provided by section 7C(1) of the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act") as inserted by section 3 of the Game Law Amendment Act (Northern Ireland) 1951(b) that, where the Minister of Home Affairs is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient to provide special protection for any kind of game, he may by Order prohibit the killing or taking, or the sale or purchase of game of any kind prescribed by the Order, during such period not exceeding one year as shall be so prescribed:

AND WHEREAS by the Ministries (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(c) the functions of the Ministry of Home Affairs under the principal Act were transferred to the Ministry of Development from the 1st November 1972:

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

AND WHEREAS the Secretary of State is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient to provide special protection for grouse, partridge and hen pheasants:

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 7F(5) of the principal Act notice of the proposal to make an Order and the purport thereof was duly given on the 17th August 1973:

AND WHEREAS no objections to the making of the Order have been received:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, The Right Honourable William Whitelaw, M.C., M.P., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by sections 7C and 7F of the principal Act as inserted by section 3 of the Game Law Amendment Act (Northern Ireland) 1951 and by section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 and of every other power me thereunto enabling, do hereby order and direct as follows:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Game Preservation (Grouse, Partridge and Hen Pheasants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

(a) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 25 (N.I.).  
(b) 1951. c. 4.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 252.  
(d) 1972. c. 22.

*Prohibition of sale of grouse*

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase grouse for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 30th August 1973 to 11th August 1974

*Prohibition of sale for consumption of partridge*

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase partridge for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 30th September 1973 to 30th September 1974.

*Prohibition of killing of hen pheasants*

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to kill hen pheasants from 30th September 1973 to 30th September 1974, provided that the Minister of Development may, where he considers it expedient so to do, grant exemption from the terms of this Article

*Prohibition of sale for consumption of hen pheasants*

5. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase hen pheasants for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 30th September 1973 to 30th September 1974, except hen pheasants killed by a person who has been exempted under Article 4 above and who may sell to a licensed game dealer.

Dated this 28th day of August 1973.

*W. S. I. Whitelaw*

One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries 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, except where exemption is granted, the killing of hen pheasants during the normal open season for pheasant shooting. It also prohibits commercial dealings in grouse and partridge and restricts dealings in hen pheasants.