
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made under section 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51). It modifies provisions of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (c. 38) which relate to the grant of licences to keep wild animals.

This Order makes three changes.

(a) It removes the requirement for inspections to be carried out in respect of certain applications for the grant of a replacement, or additional, licence. Where the holder of an existing licence applies for another licence in respect of the same species of animal as is subject to his existing licence, or an animal of another species within the same family of species, inspections will be required only when the local authority considers it to be necessary (*article 2*). Inspections will remain a requirement in relation to other applications for a licence.

(b) It extends the period of validity of a licence from a maximum of one year to two years (*article 3*).

(c) It provides that licences will come into force immediately upon their being granted (rather than, as was the case previously, from either the date of grant or the beginning of the next following year), except for renewals of a licence applied for before the expiry of the licence they are to replace, in which case the subsequent licence will come into force from the date of expiry of the licence it replaces (*article 3*).

An impact assessment has been prepared in respect of this Order. A copy may be obtained from Defra (Wildlife Species Conservation Division), Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.