

1975 No. 1647

ANIMALS

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

The Spring Traps Approval Order 1975

Made - - - - 10th October 1975

Coming into Operation 1st November 1975

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 8(3) and (7) of the Pests Act 1954(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Spring Traps Approval Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this order and the orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Revocation

2. The Spring Traps Approval Order 1957(c), the Spring Traps Approval (Amendment) Order 1966(d), the Spring Traps Approval (Amendment) Order 1968(e) and the Spring Traps Approval (Amendment) Order 1970(f) are hereby revoked.

Approval of Spring Traps

3. For the purpose of section 8(3) of the Pests Act 1954, the spring traps specified in the first column of the Schedule to this order are hereby approved subject to the conditions specified in the second column of the said Schedule as to the animals for which or the circumstances in which the said spring traps may respectively be used.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th October 1975.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(a) 1954 c. 68.
(c) S.I. 1957/2216 (1957 I, p. 146).
(e) S.I. 1968/645 (1968 I, p. 1482).

(b) 1889 c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1966/849 (1966 II, p. 1988).
(f) S.I. 1970/50 (1970 I, p. 338).

SCHEDULE

<i>Type and make of trap</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
Imbra Trap Mark I and Mark II, both manufactured by or under the authority of James S. Low and Sons Ltd., Atholl Smithy, Atholl Street, Blairgowrie, Perthshire and specified in British Patent Specification No. 682,427 and as illustrated in figures 1 to 4 of that specification.	The traps shall be used only— (a) for the purpose of killing or taking rabbits and set in rabbit holes, or (b) for the purpose of killing or taking grey squirrels or stoats, weasels, rats, mice or other small ground vermin, and set in artificial tunnels constructed for the purpose.
Fenn Vermin Trap Mark I, Vermin Trap Mark II, Vermin Trap Mark III, and Vermin Trap Mark IV (Heavy Duty) manufactured by or under the authority of Mr. A. A. Fenn of F.H.T. Works, High Street, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcester and specified in British Patent Specification No. 763,891 and as illustrated in figures 1 to 3 of that Specification.	The traps shall be used only— (a) for the purpose of killing or taking grey squirrels or stoats, weasels, rats, mice or other small ground vermin, and set in artificial tunnels constructed for the purpose and, in the case of the Vermin Trap Mark IV (Heavy Duty) in either natural or artificial tunnels, or (b) for the purpose of killing or taking rats or mice and set in the open on their runs.
Fenn Rabbit Trap Mark I manufactured by or under the authority of Mr. A. A. Fenn of F.H.T. Works, High Street, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcester.	The trap shall only be used for the killing or taking of rabbits and set in rabbit holes.
Juby Trap manufactured under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1, and specified in British Patent Specification No. 813,066 and as illustrated in figures 1 to 3 of that Specification.	The trap shall be used only— (a) for the purpose of killing or taking rabbits and set in rabbit holes, or (b) for the purpose of killing or taking grey squirrels or stoats, weasels, rats, mice or other small ground vermin, and set in artificial tunnels constructed for the purpose.
Fuller Trap manufactured by or under the authority of Fuller Industries, Three Trees, Loxwood Road, Bucks Green, Rudgwick, Sussex.	The trap shall be used only for the purpose of killing or taking grey squirrels.
Sawyer Trap manufactured by or under the authority of James S. Low and Sons Ltd., Atholl Smithy, Atholl Street, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.	The trap shall be used only— (a) for the purpose of killing or taking grey squirrels or stoats, weasels, rats, mice or other small ground vermin and set in natural tunnels or in artificial tunnels constructed for the purpose, or (b) for the purpose of killing or taking rats or mice and set in the open on their runs.
Lloyd Trap manufactured under the authority of the National Research Development Corporation, and specified in British Patent Specification No. 987,113 and as illustrated in figures 1 to 3 of that Specification.	The trap shall be used only— (a) for the purpose of killing or taking grey squirrels or stoats, weasels, rats, mice or other small ground vermin and set in natural tunnels or in artificial tunnels constructed for the purpose, or (b) for the purpose of killing or taking rats or mice set in the open on their runs.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the order.)

By virtue of section 8 of the Pests Act 1954 it is an offence to use for the purpose of killing or taking animals a spring trap other than one approved by order of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

This order, which supersedes the Spring Traps Approval Order 1957 as amended, approves the use of the spring traps specified in the Schedule to the order. The only change is the addition of the Fenn Rabbit Trap Mk. I to the list of approved traps.

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