

1982 No. 53

ANIMALS

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

The Spring Traps Approval (Variation) Order 1982

Made - - - - - 19th January 1982

Coming into Operation 9th February 1982

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, as respects England, and the Secretary of State, as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(3), (7) and (8) of the Pests Act 1954(a) and now vested in them (b) and of all their other enabling powers, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Spring Traps Approval (Variation) Order 1982 and shall come into operation on 9th February 1982.

Variation of principal order

2. The Spring Traps Approval Order 1975(c) is hereby varied by adding at the end of the first column of the Schedule thereto (in which are set out traps of a type and make approved for the purposes of section 8 of the Pests Act 1954) the following description—

“Fenn Vermin Trap Mark VI (Dual Purpose) manufactured by or under the authority of Mr. A. A. Fenn, of FHT Works, Hoopers Lane, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire and specified in British Patent Specification No. 763,891.”

and by adding at the end of the second column of the said Schedule (in which are set out the conditions as to the animals for which or the circumstances in which approved traps may be used) opposite the aforesaid description the following conditions—

“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, mink, stoats, weasels, rats, mice or other small ground vermin, and set in natural tunnels or in artificial tunnels constructed for the purpose.”

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 15th January 1982.

(a) 1954 c. 68.

(b) In the case of the Secretary of State by article 2(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).

(c) S.I. 1975/1647.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

19th January 1982.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

By virtue of section 8 of the Pests Act 1954 (as read with the provisions of article 2(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978), it is an offence to use in England and Wales for the purpose of killing or taking animals a spring trap other than one approved by an order of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Wales.

This order adds the Fenn Vermin Trap Mark VI (Dual Purpose) to those already approved in the Spring Traps Approval Order 1975 and specifies the animals for which and the circumstances in which it may be used.

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