STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1988 No. 2213 (S.218)

ANIMALS

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

The Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Variation Order 1988

Made - - -

14th December 1988

Coming into force

1st January 1989

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 50(3) and 85(3) of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order shall be cited as the Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Variation Order 1988 and shall come into force on 1st January 1989.

Variation of the Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Order 1975

2. At the end of the Schedule to the Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Order 1975(b) there are added, in the appropriate columns, the following entries:—

"Springer No. 4 Multi-purpose (Heavy Duty) manufactured by or under the authority of AB Country Products Ltd, Troy Industrial Estate, Jill Lane, Sambourne, Near Ashwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire.

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 artifical 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.

Springer No. 6 Multi-purpose manufactured by or under the authority of AB Country Products Ltd, Troy Industrial Estate, Jill Lane, Sambourne, Near Ashwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire. 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.".

St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 14th December 1988

Sanderson of Bowden Minister of State, Scottish Office

⁽a) 1948 c.45; section 50 was amended by section 10 of the Pests Act 1954 (c.68).

⁽b) S.I. 1975/1722, varied by S.I. 1982/91.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

It is an offence under section 50 of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948 as amended by section 10 of the Pests Act 1954 to use for the purpose of killing or taking animals any spring trap other than one of the type and kind approved by the Secretary of State. This Order adds the Springer No. 4 Multi-purpose (Heavy Duty) and the Springer No. 6 Multi-purpose to those traps already approved in the Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Order 1975 and specifies the animals for which and the circumstances in which each may be used.