

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, in exercise of the power granted to the Secretary of State by section 10 of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 (“the Act”), prohibits the keeping of mink in England and replaces the Mink Keeping Order 2000 (S.I.2000/3402), which ceased to have effect on 1st January 2004. The controls are not time-limited.

Section 10 of the Act provides that, in relation to an Order made pursuant to that section, the provisions of the Act apply as they apply to musk rats, subject to such exceptions and modifications as may be specified in the Order. In this Order, exceptions are made in relation to sections 5(2) and 6(2) of the Act. These exceptions relate to the duty on occupiers of land to give notice of the presence on their land of mink not kept under a licence.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.