EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order substitutes, in England and Wales, the Schedule to the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 ("the Act"), which specifies the kinds of animals to which the provisions of the Act apply. The changes effected by this order represent the outcome of a further review of the Schedule to the Act as last modified by S.I. 1984/1111. (The contents of the Schedule substituted by this Order differ slightly from those of the Schedule which would have been substituted by the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (Modification) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1437); the earlier Order is now revoked, before its coming into force, by this Order.)

This Order adds the following animals to the Schedule: the Argentine black-headed snake, the Peruvian racer, the South American green racer, the Amazon false viper, the Middle-Eastern thin-tailed scorpion and the dingo.

The following animals are no longer listed (other than by way of exception) in the Schedule and so the provisions of the Act no longer apply to them: certain smaller primates (woolly lemurs, tamarins, night (or owl) monkeys, titis and squirrel monkeys), sloths, the North American porcupine, the capybara, crested porcupines, certain types of cat (the wild cat, the pallas cat, the little spotted cat, the Geoffroy's cat, the kodkod, the bay cat, the sand cat, the black-footed cat, the rusty-spotted cat; cat hybrids descended exclusively from such excepted species; cat hybrids having a domestic cat as one parent and a first generation hybrid of a domestic cat and a non-excepted cat as the other parent, and cats which are descended exclusively from such excepted hybrids or from such excepted hybrids and a domestic cat), cacomistles, racoons, coatis, olingoes, the little coatimundi, kinkajou, binturong, hyraxes, guanaco, vicugna, emus, sand snakes, the mangrove snake, and the Brazilian wolf spider.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.