
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under section 8 of the Pests Act 1954 (c. 68), it is an offence to use or knowingly to permit the use of any spring trap, other than a trap that has been approved by Order, for animals or in circumstances for which it is not approved.

This Order revokes and replaces the Spring Traps Approval Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/13), which approved types of spring trap for use in England and two subsequent variation Orders (article 3).

Article 2 specifies approved traps, namely those listed in Column 1 of the Schedule and others which are equivalent in all relevant respects to those so listed. Conditions attached to the approval of each type of trap are specified in Column 2 of the Schedule.

This Order was notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services (OJ No. L 241, 17.9.2015, p.1).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.