EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order varies the Spring Traps Approval (Wales) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/18 (W. 7)).

Under section 8 of the Pests Act 1954 (c. 68), it is an offence to use or knowingly 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 adds types of spring traps to those approved for use in Wales, namely the Aurotrap, the Quill Trap, the Smart Catch, the Smart Catch Mini, the Smart Pipe Long Life 110, the Smart Pipe Long Life 160, the Smart Pipe Long Life 200, the Smart Pipe Long Life 250, and the Smart Pipe Long Life 300 (article 2(a)).

It also removes the WCS Collarum Stainless UK Fox Model, the WiseTrap 110, the WiseTrap 160, the WiseTrap 200 and the WiseTrap 250 from the traps approved for use in Wales (article 2(b)).

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to this Order. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with this Order.