



# Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024

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## PART 1

### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PROSPECTIVE

#### *Snares*

##### **6 Prohibition of use of snares**

- (1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 11 (prohibition of certain methods of killing or taking wild animals)—
  - (a) for subsection (1)(a) and (aa) substitute—
    - “(ab) sets in position or otherwise uses a snare for the purpose of killing any animal other than a wild bird,
    - (ac) sets in position or otherwise uses a snare, other than a snare that is operated by hand, for the purpose of taking any animal other than a wild bird,
    - (ad) uses a snare which is of a nature or is placed (or both) so as to be likely to cause bodily injury to any animal (other than a wild bird) coming into contact with it,”,
  - (b) subsection (1A) is repealed,
  - (c) in subsection (2)—
    - (i) in paragraph (a), the words “or snare” are repealed,
    - (ii) after paragraph (a), insert—
      - “(aa) uses a snare for the purpose of killing any wild animal included in Schedule 6 or 6ZA,

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- (ab) uses a snare, other than a snare that is operated by hand, for the purpose of taking or restraining any wild animal included in Schedule 6 or 6ZA,”,
- (d) in subsection (3C), in the closing words, for “an order under subsection (1)(a)” substitute “regulations under subsection (3CA)”;
- (e) after subsection (3C), insert—  
“(3CA) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify types of snare for the purpose of subsection (3C).”.
- (3) Sections 11A to 11F are repealed.
- (4) In section 16 (power to grant licences)—
  - (a) in subsection (1A)—
    - (i) the word “and” immediately following paragraph (a) is repealed,
    - (ii) after paragraph (b) insert—  
“(c) must not grant a licence for any purpose mentioned in subsection (1) that permits the use of a snare to kill a wild bird, and
    - (d) must not grant a licence for any purpose mentioned in subsection (1)(cb) to (k) that permits the use of a snare to take a wild bird.”,
  - (b) in subsection (3), in the opening words, the word “, 11C” is repealed,
  - (c) after subsection (3) insert—  
“(3ZZA) The appropriate authority must not grant a licence for any purpose mentioned in subsection (3) that permits the use of a snare.”,
  - (d) in subsection (3ZA), in the opening words, in both places they occur, the words “or snare” are repealed,
  - (e) in subsection (3ZB)—
    - (i) in paragraph (a), the words “or snare” are repealed,
    - (ii) in paragraph (b), the words “or snare” are repealed,
    - (iii) in paragraph (c), the words “or snare” are repealed,
  - (f) in subsection (3ZC), in both places they occur, the words “or snare” are repealed,
  - (g) in subsection (3ZD), in both places they occur, the words “or snare” are repealed,
  - (h) in subsection (3ZE), in paragraph (a), the words “and snares” are repealed,
  - (i) in subsection (3ZG), in the opening words, the words “or snare” are repealed,
  - (j) in subsection (3ZH), in paragraph (a), the words “or snare” are repealed,
  - (k) in subsection (3ZI)—
    - (i) in paragraph (a), the words “or snares” are repealed,
    - (ii) in paragraph (b), the words “or snares” are repealed,
    - (iii) in paragraph (c), the words “or snares” are repealed.
- (5) In section 17—
  - (a) in the opening words, the words “, an identification number under section 11A(4)” are repealed,
  - (b) the title of the section becomes “**False statements made for obtaining registration or licence etc.**”.

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- (6) In section 21 (penalties)—
  - (a) in subsection (1A), paragraphs (e) to (g) are repealed,
  - (b) in subsection (1C), paragraph (e) is repealed.
- (7) In section 26 (regulations, orders, notices etc.)—
  - (a) in subsection (2), at the end of paragraph (e) (as inserted by section 7(5)(a) of this Act) insert “; and
    - (f) regulations under section 11(3CA),”,
  - (b) in subsection (3), at the end of paragraph (e) (as inserted by section 7(5)(b) of this Act) insert “; or
    - (f) regulations under section 11(3CA),”.

**Commencement Information**

**I1** S. 6 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 35\(2\)](#)

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