



2011 CHAPTER 15

Amendments to the Wildlife Order

Shooting of certain deer

17 In Article 20 of the Wildlife Order (exceptions to Articles 12 and 19) after paragraph (8) insert—

“(8A) An authorised person shall not be guilty of an offence under Article 19(3)(a) if he uses for the purpose of taking or killing or injuring any Chinese water deer (*hydropotes inermis*) or muntjac deer (*muntiacus reevesi*)—

- (a) a rifle having a calibre of not less than .220 inches and a muzzle energy of not less than 1,000 foot pounds (1,356 joules); and
- (b) a soft-nosed or hollow-nosed bullet weighing not less than 50 grains (3.24 grammes).”.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 17.