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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2000 No. 216**

**GAME**

**Game Birds Preservation Order (Northern Ireland) 2000**

*Made* - - - - *19th June 2000*

*Coming into operation* *11th August 2000*

The Minister of the Environment<sup>(1)</sup>, being satisfied that it is necessary to provide special protection for grouse, partridge, red-legged partridges and hen pheasants:

- (a) in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 7C(1) and 7F(1) to (3) of the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928<sup>(2)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 12 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998<sup>(3)</sup> and of every other power enabling him in that behalf; and
- (b) after publishing, pursuant to section 7F(5) of the Act, notice of proposal to make this Order and of the purport thereof, and not having received any objection to the said proposal,

hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Game Birds Preservation Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 11th August 2000.

**Prohibition of sale for consumption of grouse**

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase grouse for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 11th August 2000 to 11th August 2001.

**Prohibition of killing or taking partridge, red-legged partridges and hen pheasants**

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to kill or take partridge, red-legged partridges or hen pheasants at any time from 30th September 2000 to 30th September 2001 provided that the Department of the Environment may, where it is considered expedient so to do, grant exemption from the terms of this Article.

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(1) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 252; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 7; S.I. 1976/424 (N.I. 6) Art. 3  
(2) 1928 c. 25 (N.I.): see s. 3 of 1951 c. 4 (N.I.)  
(3) 1998 c. 47

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**Prohibition of sale for consumption of partridge, red-legged partridges and hen pheasants**

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase partridge, red-legged partridges or hen pheasants for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 30th September 2000 to 30th September 2001 except that a person who has been exempted under Article 3 to kill partridge, red-legged partridges or hen pheasants may sell them to a licensed game dealer.

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Dated this day of 19th June 2000.

*Sam Foster*  
Minister of the Environment

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order prohibits, except where exemption is granted, the killing or taking of partridge, red-legged partridges and hen pheasants during the normal open season for game birds. It also restricts dealings in partridge, red-legged partridges or hen pheasants and prohibits dealings in grouse.

Any person who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any provision of the Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928.

Any person guilty of an offence under the Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale (£500) or at the discretion of the court to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.