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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2019 No. 159**

**The Invasive Alien Species (Enforcement and  
Permitting) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019**

**PART 2  
OFFENCES**

**Keeping, breeding, transporting etc. of invasive alien species**

**3.—(1)** Any person who contrary to Article 7 (restrictions) of the Principal Regulation intentionally—

- (a) keeps, including in a contained holding;
- (b) breeds, including in a contained holding;
- (c) transports to or from Northern Ireland to or from any place within Great Britain, or within Northern Ireland, except where such transportation is of species to facilities in the context of eradication;
- (d) places on the market;
- (e) uses or exchanges;
- (f) permits to reproduce, grows or cultivates, including in a contained holding; or
- (g) releases into the environment,

an invasive alien species commits an offence.

(2) Any person who releases or allows to escape into the wild any specimen which is of a species of animal which—

- (a) is of a kind not ordinarily resident in and is not a regular visitor to Northern Ireland in a wild state or is a hybrid of any animal of that kind; or
- (b) is included in Part 1 of the Schedule,

commits an offence.

(3) Any person who plants or otherwise causes to grow in the wild any specimen which is of a species of plant which is included in Part 2 of the Schedule or is a hybrid of any plant included in that Part, commits an offence.

(4) A person may not by reason of the same act be convicted of both—

- (a) an offence under paragraph (1); and
- (b) an offence under paragraph (2) or (3).