
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 68

**The Humane Trapping Standards
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019**

PART 2

Amendment of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

Amendment of Article 12

3.—(1) Article 12 (prohibition of certain methods of killing or taking wild animals) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) Subject to the provisions of this Part and to those of Article 20, if any person—

- (a) uses any trap or snare for the purpose of killing, taking or restraining any wild animal included in Schedule 6 or 6A;
- (b) sets in position any trap or snare of such a nature and so placed as to be calculated to cause bodily injury to any wild animal included in Schedules 6 or 6A;
- (c) sets in position any—
 - (i) hook and line;
 - (ii) electrical device for killing or stunning; or
 - (iii) poisonous, poisoned or stupefying substance or muscle-relaxing agent, of such a nature and so placed as to be calculated to cause bodily injury to any wild animal included in Schedule 6;
- (d) uses for the purpose of killing or taking any wild animal included in Schedule 6 any—
 - (i) hook and line;
 - (ii) poisonous, poisoned or stupefying substance or muscle-relaxing agent;
 - (iii) net;
 - (iv) automatic or semi-automatic weapon;
 - (v) device for illuminating a target or sighting device for night shooting;
 - (vi) form of artificial light or any mirror or other dazzling device;
 - (vii) gas or smoke not falling within head (iii);
 - (viii) metal bar, axe, hatchet, cudgel, club, hammer or similar instrument;
- (e) uses any electrical device for killing or taking any wild animal included in Schedule 6;
- (f) uses any mechanically propelled vehicle in immediate pursuit of any wild animal included in Schedule 6 for the purpose of driving, killing or taking that animal; or

(g) knowingly causes or permits to be done an act mentioned in any of sub-paragraphs (a) to (f),

that person shall be guilty of an offence.”.

(3) In paragraph (4), for “(2)(b) to (d)” substitute “(2)(a), (d), (e) or (f)”.

(4) In paragraph (5)—

(a) for “(2)(a)” substitute “(2)(b) or (c)”;

(b) for “Schedule 6” substitute “the relevant Schedule”.

(5) After paragraph (5), insert—

“(5A) In paragraph (5), “the relevant Schedule” means—

(a) where proceedings relate to an offence under paragraph (2)(b), Schedule 6 or 6A;

(b) where proceedings relate to an offence under paragraph (2)(c), Schedule 6.”.