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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 184**

**ANIMALS**

**DEER**

**The Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023**

*Made* - - - - *19th June 2023*  
*Laid before the Scottish*  
*Parliament* - - - - *21st June 2023*  
*Coming into force* - - *21st October 2023*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(1) of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996(1), and any other powers enabling them to do so.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 and comes into force on 21 October 2023.

**The Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Order 2011**

2.—(1) The Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Order 2011(2) is amended as follows.

(2) For the table in the schedule (close seasons), substitute—

<i>“Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Period</i>
Fallow deer ( <i>Dama dama</i> )	Female	16 February to 20 October
Red deer ( <i>Cervus elaphus</i> )	Female	16 February to 20 October
Red/sika deer hybrid	Female	16 February to 20 October
Roe deer ( <i>Capreolus capreolus</i> )	Female	1 April to 20 October
Sika deer ( <i>Cervus nippon</i> )	Female	16 February to 20 October”

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(1) 1996 c. 58, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(2) S.S.I. 2011/417.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
19th June 2023

*LORNA SLATER*  
Authorised to sign on behalf of the Scottish  
Ministers

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Order 2011 by substituting a new table in the schedule which specifies the close seasons for deer.

The effect of this Order is to remove close seasons for male deer. The female close season remains unaltered. It therefore remains an offence under section 5 of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 to take, wilfully kill or injure a female deer of the species specified in the table in the schedule during the corresponding close season.