

1967 No. 1873

ANIMALS

DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS

The Coypus (Keeping) Regulations 1967

Made - - - - 14th December 1967

Coming into Operation 1st January 1968

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland in exercise of the power vested in them by section 2 of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, acting jointly, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations which may be cited as the Coypus (Keeping) Regulations 1967 shall come into operation on the 1st January 1968.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

“the Act” means the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932;

“coypu” means the animal of the species designated *Myocastor coypus*;

“enclosures” includes cages, hutches, pens, sties, stockades, buildings and parts of buildings.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Manner of keeping coypus and precautions against escape

3.—(1) Any coypus kept under a licence granted in accordance with section 3 of the Act shall, when not in the course of being transported from place to place, be confined in enclosures so constructed as to prevent their escape.

(2) No coypus shall be transported from place to place except in closed cages or other containers constructed in such a manner and of such materials as to prevent their escape.

Licences

4.—(1) A licence granted in accordance with section 3 of the Act authorising the keeping of coypus shall be in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations or in a form to the like effect and subject to the terms and conditions therein mentioned, and shall, subject to section 3(b) of the Act, be in force for a period of 12 months beginning with the date on which it purports to come into effect.

(2) On the granting of a licence in accordance with section 3 of the Act there shall be paid to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or to the Secretary of State for Scotland, as the case may be, a fee of £2.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 8th December 1967.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 12th December 1967.

William Ross,

Secretary of State for Scotland.

Approved on 14th December 1967.

E. Alan Fitch,

J. McCann,

Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE

FORM OF LICENCE AUTHORISING THE KEEPING OF COYPUS
Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932
The Coypus (Keeping) Regulations 1967

1.
of
(hereinafter called "the holder") is hereby authorised to keep coypus
at
or at such other premises as may be notified to, and approved by, the Minister
of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State for Scotland, as
appropriate.

2. This licence is granted subject to compliance by the holder with the
requirements set out in Regulation 3 of the above-mentioned Regulations and
with the terms of this licence.

3. The holder shall forthwith give notice to the Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food or the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland,
as appropriate, of the name and address of any person to whom he disposes
of any coypus.

4. The holder shall give notice to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and
Food, or the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, as appro-
priate, of any change in the occupancy of any premises at which coypus are
kept under the authority of this licence and if coypus cease to be kept at any
such premises.

5. The holder, within seven days of being so required by the Ministry of
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
for Scotland, as the case may be, shall make a return in writing to the said
Ministry or the said Department, as appropriate, stating the number of each
sex of coypus kept by him under the authority of this licence on such date
as may be specified.

6. If any coypus shall escape, the holder shall forthwith give notice to the
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Department of Agriculture
and Fisheries for Scotland, as appropriate, at the address given on the licence.

7. This licence may be revoked if it is shown to the satisfaction of that the holder has failed to comply with any term of this licence or with any of the said Regulations or has been convicted of an offence under the above-mentioned Act.

8. The holder shall at all reasonable times permit any person duly authorised in that behalf by..... upon production of his authority if so required, to enter and inspect any land or premises occupied by the holder at which he is entitled to keep coypus under the authority of this licence.

9. This licence shall, subject to paragraph 7, be in force from to (both dates inclusive).

Dated this 19 . for and on behalf of

Extract from the Coypus (Keeping) Regulations 1967.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the manner in which coypus are to be kept in Great Britain and the precautions to be taken to prevent their escape. They also prescribe the form of licence to be granted to persons keeping coypus and the fee to be paid for such a licence.