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1980 No. 593

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PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

**The Welfare of Livestock (Deer) Order 1980**

*Made* - - - - 24th April 1980  
*Laid before Parliament* 29th April 1980  
*Coming into Operation* 20th May 1980

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (as respects England), the Secretary of State for Scotland (as respects Scotland) and the Secretary of State for Wales (as respects Wales), acting in exercise of powers conferred by section 8(1) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968(a) and now vested in them(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Welfare of Livestock (Deer) Order 1980. It applies to Great Britain and shall come into operation on 20th May 1980.

2. "Livestock" in Part I of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 shall include deer kept for the production of antlers in velvet.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 24th April 1980.

(L.S.)

*Peter Walker,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

*George Younger,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

24th April 1980.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

24th April 1980.

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(a) 1968 c. 34.

(b) In the case of the Secretary of State for Wales, by virtue of S.I. 1978/272.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Part I of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 makes provision for the welfare of livestock for the time being situated on agricultural land. "Livestock" is defined in section 8(1) as meaning any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skin or fur or for use in the farming of land or for such purpose as may be specified by order.

This Order provides that "livestock" in Part I of the 1968 Act shall include deer kept for the production of antlers in velvet.