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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1982 No. 1220**

**WILDLIFE**

**Wildlife and Countryside (Ringing  
of Certain Birds) Regulations 1982**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>23rd August 1982</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>6th September 1982</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>28th September 1982</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment as respects England, the Secretary of State for Scotland as respects Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, hereby make the following regulations:—

*Title, commencement, interpretation and application*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Wildlife and Countryside (Ringing of Certain Birds) Regulations 1982, and shall come into operation on 28th September 1982.

(2) These regulations apply for the purposes of references in section 6(5) of the Act.

(3) In these regulations:

“approved supplier” means any supplier specified in Schedule 1 to these regulations;

“close ring” means a continuous ring or band, without any break or join, for ringing a bird;

“ring” means any ring or band for ringing a bird;

“Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for the Environment;

“the Act” means the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981;

and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly.

(4) Any reference in these regulations to a bird to which these regulations apply is a reference to a bird included in Part I of Schedule 3 which was bred in captivity.

*Ringing*

2. Any bird to which these regulations apply which immediately before the date on which these regulations come into operation was close ringed, or was otherwise ringed for the purpose of being

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shown for competition, may continue to be so ringed for the period of three years beginning on that date.

3.—(1) Subject as mentioned in regulation 2 above, any bird to which these regulations apply shall be close ringed with a ring of a size no larger than the size specified in Schedule 2 to these regulations.

(2) Any such ring as is mentioned in paragraph (1) above shall be obtained from an approved supplier, and the application for the ring shall—

- (a) be made by the keeper, or prospective keeper, of the bird to be ringed;
- (b) provide details of its parents, or prospective parents; and
- (c) in the case of a bird in being, specify its age and (where known) its sex.

9th August 1982 *Michael R.D. Heseltine*  
Secretary of State for the Environment

23rd August 1982 *George Younger*  
Secretary of State for Scotland

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

16th August 1982 *Michael Roberts*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Welsh Office

## SCHEDULE 1

### APPROVED SUPPLIERS

- 1 The British Bird Council
- 35 Chatham Road
- 3 Kingston-upon-Thames
- 4 Surrey
- 5 KT1 3AB.
- 1 The International Ornithological Association
- 7 Cleve Road
- 3 Sidcup
- 4 Kent
- 5 DA14 4RF.

## SCHEDULE 2

### SIZES OF RING

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>	<i>Size of ring (internal diameter, in millimetres)</i>
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	4.4
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	2.7
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	2.5
Bunting, Reed	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	2.7
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	2.7
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	2.9
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	2.5
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	2.9
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	7.1
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	6.0
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	2.5
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	7.1
Owl, Barn	<i>Tyto alba</i>	9.5
Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	2.4
Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	2.4
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	4.4
Thrush, Song	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	3.9

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<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>	<i>Size of ring (internal diameter, in millimetres)</i>
Twite	Carduelis flavirostris	2.4
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	2.9

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

These regulations have been made for the purposes of s.6(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and provide for the ringing of birds included in Part I of Schedule 3 to that Act and bred in captivity.