

**1982 No. 1744****ANIMALS****DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS****The Coypus (Keeping) Order 1982***Approved by both Houses of Parliament*

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	15th October 1982
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	25th October 1982
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st January 1983

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, being satisfied with respect to the non-indigenous animals which are the subject of this order that by reason of their destructive habits it is desirable to control the keeping of them and to destroy any which may be at large, acting jointly, in exercise of powers conferred by section 10(1) of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932<sup>(a)</sup> and now vested in them<sup>(b)</sup> and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

*Title, commencement and duration*

**1.** This order may be cited as the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1982; it shall come into operation on 1st January 1983 and shall cease to have effect on 1st January 1988.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In this order—“coypu” means the animal of the species *Myocastor coypus*.

*Keeping of coypus*

**3.** The keeping within Great Britain of any coypu, except under a licence granted under the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932, is prohibited.

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1932 c. 12.

<sup>(b)</sup> In the case of the Secretary of State for Wales by virtue of Article 3(1) of, and paragraph 5(a) of Schedule 2 to, the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969 (S.I. 1969/388).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 8th October 1982.



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

12th October 1982.

*George Younger,*  
Secretary of State for Scotland.

15th October 1982.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which comes into operation on 1st January 1983, continues the control over the keeping of coypus within Great Britain by re-enacting a provision contained in the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/1993), which ceases to have effect after 31st December 1982, prohibiting the keeping of coypus within Great Britain except under licence. In consequence of the making of this Order the provisions of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 will continue to apply to coypus. Those provisions include a requirement that occupiers of land who know that coypus, not being coypus kept under licence, are to be found there shall give notice of the fact to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in the case of land in England, or to the Secretary of State for Scotland in the case of land in Scotland or to the Secretary of State for Wales in the case of land in Wales.

As required by the proviso to section 10(1) of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 this Order was approved by a resolution of the House of Lords on 30th November 1982 and by a resolution of the House of Commons on 29th November 1982.

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