
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 7 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (“the Act”) and regulations made under that section (the Wildlife and Countryside (Registration and Ringing of Certain Captive Birds) Regulations 1982, as amended by the Wildlife and Countryside (Registration and Ringing of Certain Captive Birds) (Amendment) Regulations of 1991 and 1994) provide for the registration and ringing of captive birds included in Schedule 4 to the Act.

Schedule 4 to the Act was amended by the [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(Variation of Schedule 4\) Order 1994 \(S.I. 1994 No. 1151\)](#).

These Regulations amend the 1982 Regulations so that registration no longer ceases every three years, requiring renewal. They also allow the Secretary of State to accept a marking of a bird in accordance with European Regulations implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora as an alternative to a ring provided by the Secretary of State.