

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order continues in Wales the controls imposed in Great Britain by the Mink Keeping Order 1997 (S.I.1997/3002), which ceases to have effect on 1st January 2001. Similar Orders to continue these controls as respects Scotland and England are being made by the Scottish Ministers and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Article 1 provides the title of the order, its application to Wales, its commencement on 1st January 2001 and that it ceases to have effect on 1st January 2004. Article 2 contains a definition of the Act under which the Order is made and a definition of “mink”. Article 3 prohibits the keeping of mink except under licence.

Subject to the exceptions made by article 4 of this order, the provisions of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 continue to apply in Wales to mink until this Order ceases to have effect on 1st January 2004. These exceptions relate to the duty on occupiers of land to give notice of the presence on their land of mink not kept under a licence.