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The Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

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THE WILDLIFE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985

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SCHEDULE 1 — BIRDS WHICH ARE PROTECTED BY SPECIAL PENALTIES

PART I — AT ALL TIMES

Common name Scientific name Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* Bunting, Corn

Emberiza calandra Buzzard *Buteo buteo* Chough...

PART II — DURING THE CLOSE SEASON

Gadwall *Anas strepera* Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* Pintail *Anas acuta*

Plover, Golden *Pluvialis apricaria* Pochard *Aythya...*

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SCHEDULE 2 — BIRDS WHICH MAY BE KILLED OR TAKEN

PART I — OUTSIDE THE CLOSE SEASON

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**SCHEDULE 3 — BIRDS WHICH MAY BE SOLD DEAD AT ALL TIMES**

Common name Scientific name Wood pigeon *Columba palumbus*

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**SCHEDULE 4 — BIRDS WHICH MAY BE SHOWN FOR COMPETITIVE PURPOSES**

Common name Scientific name Blackbird *Turdus merula* Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* Bunting, Reed...

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**SCHEDULE 5 — ANIMALS WHICH ARE PROTECTED AT ALL TIMES**

Common name Scientific name Badger *Meles meles* . . . . . Butterfly, Brimstone...

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**SCHEDULE 6 — ANIMALS WHICH MAY NOT BE KILLED OR TAKEN BY CERTAIN METHODS**

Common name Scientific name Badger *Meles meles* Bats (all species) Chiroptera (all species) Crayfish, White-Clawed...

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**SCHEDULE 6A — ANIMALS WHICH MAY NOT BE KILLED OR TAKEN BY TRAPPING OR SNARING**

**SCHEDULE 7 — ANIMALS WHICH MAY NOT BE SOLD ALIVE OR DEAD AT ANY TIME**

Common name Scientific name Badger *Meles meles* . . . . . Butterfly, Brimstone...

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**SCHEDULE 8 — PLANTS WHICH ARE PROTECTED**

**PART I — PLANTS WHICH ARE PROTECTED UNDER ARTICLE 14(1)(a) AND (2)**

**PART II — PLANTS WHICH ARE PROTECTED UNDER ARTICLE 14(1)(b) AND (2)**

Bluebell *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* Primrose *Primula vulgaris*

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**SCHEDULE 9 — ANIMALS AND PLANTS TO WHICH ARTICLE 15 APPLIES**

**PART I — ANIMALS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED IN THE WILD**

**PART II — PLANTS**

. . . . . Bluebell, Spanish *Hyacinthoides hispanica* . . . . .

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**SCHEDULE 10 — CLOSE SEASONS FOR DEER**

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FALLOW DEER (Dama dama) Bucks: 1st May to 31st July inclusive. Does:  
1st April to...  
RED DEER (Cervus elaphus) Stags: 1st May to 31st July inclusive. Hinds:  
1st April to...  
SIKA DEER (Cervus nippon) Stags: 1st May to 31st July inclusive. Hinds:  
1st April to...  
[In this Schedule any reference to a species of deer includes a hybrid of  
that...]

#### SCHEDULE 11 — PROHIBITED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

##### — Firearms

1. Any smooth bore gun.
2. Any rifle having a calibre of less than .236 inches (6 millimetres).
3. Any pistol, revolver or other type of handgun other than a slaughtering instrument (within the...)
4. Any air gun, air rifle or air pistol.
5. Any weapon which discharges a missile by means of a gas propellant.

##### — Ammunition

6. Any cartridge for use in a smooth bore gun.
7. Any cartridge or load for use in a rifle other than a cartridge or load...
8. Any bullet for use in a rifle other than— (a) a bullet weighing not less...

##### — Schedule 12—Amendments

##### — Schedule 13—Repeals

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