



Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

CHAPTER 15

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011

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Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES TO THE
WILDLIFE ORDER

1. Schedules 1 and 2 and 4 to 9 to the...

2. (1) Schedule 1 (birds which are protected by special penalties)...
3. (1) Schedule 2 (birds which may be taken or killed)...
4. (1) Schedule 4 (birds which may be shown for competition)...
5. (1) Schedule 5 (animals which are protected at all times)...
6. (1) Schedule 6 (animals which may not be taken or...)
7. (1) Schedule 7 (animals which may not be sold alive...)
8. (1) Schedule 8 (plants which are protected) is amended as...
9. (1) Schedule 9 (animals and plants to which Article 15...

SCHEDULE 2 — AMENDMENTS

The Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928 (c. 25)

1. (1) Section 2 (police powers to search for game, etc.)...
2. After section 7F insert— Relationship of this Act with Wildlife...
3. In section 8(1) (penalties for offences) after “this Act” insert...
4. In section 10(2) (interpretation) for the definition of “game” substitute—...

The Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI 2)

5. (1) Article 2 (interpretation) is amended as follows.
6. In Article 5(6)(a)(iii) (exceptions to Article 4) for “or fisheries”...
7. In Article 6(5) (prohibition of certain methods of taking or...
8. (1) Article 7 (sale of wild birds, eggs, etc.) is...
9. In Article 9(2)(protection of captive birds) at the end of...
10. In Article 10(5) (protection of certain wild animals) after “or...
11. (1) Article 11 (exceptions to Article 10) is amended as...
12. In Article 12(6) (prohibition of certain methods of taking or...
13. (1) Article 13 (sale of wild animals) is amended as...
14. In Article 14(4) (protection of wild plants) after “(2)(a)” insert...
15. (1) Article 16(1) (wildlife refuges) is amended as follows.
16. In Article 18 (licences)— (a) in paragraphs (1) and (3)...
17. In Article 27 (penalties)— (a) in paragraph (7) for “(2),...
18. (1) Article 28 (power to vary Schedules) is amended as...
19. In Article 29(3) (orders) after “any order” insert “(other than...

SCHEDULE 3 — REPEALS

PART 1 — WILDLIFE

PART 2 — GAME LICENCES AND GAME DEALERS’ LICENCES, ETC.

PART 3 — HARE COURSING