

1993 No. 407

ANIMALS

**The Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act (Amendment)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1993**

Made *1st October 1993*

Coming into operation *15th November 1993*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(3)(a) and (c) and 7(9) of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986(a) as adapted by section 29 of that Act and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 15th November 1993.

(2) In this order, “the Act” means the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) shall apply to this order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Act

2.—(1) For the purposes of the Act “a protected animal” shall include any invertebrate of the species *Octopus vulgaris* from the stage of its development when it becomes capable of independent feeding.

(2) At the end of Schedule 2 to the Act (animals to be obtained only from designated breeding or supplying establishments), there shall be added—

“Any bird of the species *Coturnix coturnix* (quail).”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 1st October 1993.

(L.S.)

D. A. Baker

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1986 c. 14

(b) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This order extends the scope of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 in two ways as from 15th November 1993. First, it extends the definition of “a protected animal” for the purposes of the Act to include *Octopus vulgaris* from the time at which it becomes capable of independent feeding. Secondly, it adds quail (*Coturnix coturnix*) to the list of animals in Schedule 2 to that Act (animals to be obtained only from designated breeding or supplying establishments). The addition of quail (*Coturnix coturnix*) to Schedule 2 implements a requirement of Article 21 of Council Directive No. 86/609/EEC (O.J. No. L358, 18.12.86, p. 1) on the approximation of laws, Regulations and administrative provisions of the member States regarding the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes.