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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1965 No. 2040**

**The Hares (Control of Importation) Order 1965**

*Detention and disposal of hares illegally imported*

5. The master of every ship before arrival at any port, or of any aircraft before arrival at any aerodrome, in Great Britain, shall, if he has reason to believe that live hares are on board, bring this Order to the notice of the person having custody or control of the hares, and shall immediately on arrival of the ship or aircraft notify a proper officer of Customs and Excise accordingly.

6.—(1) If live hares are imported into Great Britain in contravention of this Order, or of any condition of a licence granted thereunder, the Minister may serve on the importer a notice in writing requiring him, if the hares are not exported from Great Britain within such period as may be specified in the notice, immediately thereafter to slaughter them or cause them to be slaughtered; and the importer on whom such a notice is served shall comply with the requirements thereof.

(2) If any importer on whom such a notice is served fails to comply with the requirements thereof it shall be lawful for an inspector, without prejudice to any proceedings for an offence arising out of such default, to seize the hares in respect of which the notice was served, and to slaughter them or cause them to be slaughtered.

(3) An importer who has failed to comply with the terms of any such notice shall give all necessary facilities to an inspector to enable him to exercise the power conferred on him by paragraph (2) of this Article, and the reasonable expenses incurred by such inspector in exercising the said power shall be recoverable from the importer as a civil debt.