
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order varies the Spring Traps Approval (England) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1190).

Under section 8 of the Pests Act 1954 (c. 68), it is an offence to use or knowingly permit the use of any spring trap, other than a trap that has been approved by order, for animals or in circumstances for which it is not approved.

This Order adds a type of spring trap to those approved for use in England, namely, the Perdix Spring Trap (*article 2(c)*).

It also adds to the target species for which three of the traps previously approved may be used:

- the Doc 250 may now also be used for ferrets (*article 2(a)*);
- the Goodnature A24 Rat and Stoat Trap may now also be used for edible dormice (*Glis glis*) (*article 2(b)*); and
- the Tully Trap may now also be used for grey squirrels, where it is fitted with baffles for grey squirrels, in accordance with the conditions specified (*article 2(d)*).

An impact assessment had not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.