STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ANIMALS

The Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Otters) Order 1977

Made - - - -	21*st October* 1977
Laid before Parliament	1*st November* 1977
Coming into Operation	1*st January* 1978

WHEREAS, on a representation made to him by the Nature Conservancy Council, it appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary in the interests of the proper conservation of wild creatures that the common otter should be added to Schedule 1 to the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Act 1975**(a)**:

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 7 and 14(1) of the said Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with such bodies appearing to him to be representative of local authorities as he considered appropriate and with such other bodies and persons as he thought fit, hereby makes the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Otters) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this order "the Act" means the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Act 1975.

Addition to Schedule 1 to the Act

3. In Schedule 1 to the Act after the words—

"Mouse-eared Bat	*Myotis myotis*"

there shall be inserted the words—

"Common Otter	*Lutra lutra*".

Application

4. This order shall apply—

(*a*) to the whole of the Act;

(*b*) to England and Wales; and

(*c*) at all times of the year.

Peter Shore,
21st October 1977. Secretary of State for the Environment.

(a) 1975 c. 48. **(b)** 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order adds the common otter to the wild creatures which are protected under the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Act 1975. The Order extends to England and Wales and applies all the provisions of the Act at all times of the year.

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