STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1962 No. 1889

AGRICULTURE

The Coypus and Mink Control (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations 1962

Made - - - -	23*rd August* 1962
Laid before Parliament	31*st August* 1962
Coming into Operation	1*st September* 1962

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (hereinafter in these regulations called " the Minister "), in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 72 of the Agriculture Act 1947(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, Commencement and Duration

1. These regulations which may be cited as the Coypus and Mink Control (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations 1962 shall come into operation on the 1st September 1962 and shall cease to have effect on the 31st December 1967.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires

" the Act " means the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932(b) as it relates to coypus by virtue of the Coypus (Importation and Keeping) Order 1962(c) and to mink by virtue of the Mink (Importation and Keeping) Order 1962(d);

" coypu " means the animal of the species designated *Myocastor coypus*;

" mink " means the animal of the species designated *Mustela vison*.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) When these regulations cease to have effect as aforesaid section 38 (2) of the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply as if these regulations were an enactment repealed by Act of Parliament.

3. The function of the Minister specified in the schedule hereto shall be exercisable in England and Wales by a County Agricultural Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of section 71 of the Agriculture Act 1947.

4. The function exercisable by a County Agricultural Executive Committee in accordance with the said provisions shall include such other powers or duties of the Minister arising under the Act or under any other enactment as may be necessary or incidental to the exercise of the function specified in the schedule hereto.

(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 48. (b) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 12. (c) S.I. 1962/1665 (1962 II, p. 2017).
(d) S.I. 1962/1666 (1962 II, p. 2019). (e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

5. Nothing in the preceding regulations shall be construed as limiting, qualifying or derogating from the right or power of the Minister to exercise the function specified in the schedule hereto, or any other of his functions at any time while these regulations are in force.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this 23rd August 1962.

(L.S.)

John Winnifrith,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE

Function of the Minister	*Relevant enactment*
Taking steps for the destruction of coypus or mink, not kept under licence, found on any land.	Section 5 (3) of the Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations made under section 72 of the Agriculture Act 1947 provide that during the period from 1st September 1962 to 31st December 1967 County Agricultural Executive Committees may exercise the power of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to effect the destruction of coypus and mink (excluding those kept under a licence) found on any land in England and Wales.