STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 1871

AGRICULTURE

The Coypus and Mink Control (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations 1967

Made - - -	8*th December* 1967
Laid before Parliament	21*st December* 1967
Coming into Operation	1*st January* 1968

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (hereafter 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 and Commencement

1. These regulations which may be cited as the Coypus and Mink Control (Delegation to County Agricultural Executive Committees) Regulations 1967 shall come into operation on the 1st January 1968.

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 1967(c) and to mink by virtue of the Mink (Importation and Keeping) Order 1967(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. 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) 1947 c. 48. (b) 1932 c. 12. (c) S.I. 1967/1825 (1967 III, p. 4863).
(d) S.I. 1967/1824 (1967 III, p. 4861). (e) 1889 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 on 8th December 1967.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

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.)

These regulations made under section 72 of the Agriculture Act 1947 come into operation on 1st January 1968 and provide that 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. Earlier regulations to the like effect expire on 31st December 1967.