STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1962 No. 1665

ANIMALS

DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS

The Coypus (Importation and Keeping) Order 1962

Made - - - - 28*th June* 1962
Coming into Operation 1*st September* 1962

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, being satisfied with respect to the animals the subject of this Order that by reason of their destructive habits it is desirable to control the importation and keeping of them and to destroy any which may be at large, by virtue and in exercise of the power vested in them by section 10 of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, acting jointly, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation, Commencement and Duration

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Coypus (Importation and Keeping) Order 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 this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,

"the Act" means the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932;

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

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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have effect as aforesaid section 38 (2) of the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply as if this Order were an enactment repealed by an Act of Parliament.

Importation of Coypus

3. The importation into Great Britain of any coypus, except under a licence granted under the Act, is prohibited.

Keeping of Coypus

4. The keeping within Great Britain after the 31st December 1962 of any coypus, except under a licence granted under the Act, is prohibited.

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 12. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this 27th June 1962.

(L.S.) *Christopher Soames,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this 28th June 1962.

(L.S.) *John S. Maclay,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order prohibits the importation into and the keeping within Great Britain of coypus except under licence. Their importation will be prohibited on the coming into operation of the Order on the 1st September 1962 but their keeping will not be prohibited until the 1st January 1963. When this Order comes into operation the provisions of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 will apply to coypus. One such provision will oblige occupiers of land who know that coypus, not being coypus kept under licence, are to be found there to give notice of the fact to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in the case of land in England and Wales or to the Secretary of State for Scotland in the case of land in Scotland.

As required by Section 10 (1) of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 this Order was approved by a resolution of the House of Lords on 26th July 1962 and by a resolution of the House of Commons on 10th July 1962.