STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 1825

ANIMALS

DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS

The Coypus (Importation and Keeping) Order 1967

Made - - -	*20th October* 1967
Laid before Parliament	*31st October* 1967
Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1968

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, being satisfied with respect to the non-indigenous 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 1967, shall come into operation on the 1st January 1968 and shall cease to have effect after the 31st December 1972.

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to have effect as aforesaid section 38(2) of the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply as if this Order were an enactment repealed by an Act of Parliament.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 of any coypus, except under a licence granted under the Act, is prohibited.

(a) 1932 c. 12. (b) 1889 c. 63.

In Witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 18th October 1967.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

Given under the seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 20th October 1967.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State
for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order continues, as from the 1st January 1968, the prohibition imposed by the Coypus (Importation and Keeping) Order 1962 (which expires on 31st December 1967) of the importation into and the keeping within Great Britain of coypus except under licence. In consequence of the making of this Order the provisions of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 will continue to apply to coypus. Those provisions include a requirement that occupiers of land who know that coypus, not being coypus kept under licence, are to be found there shall 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.