STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1987 No. 2196

ANIMALS

DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS

The Mink (Keeping) Order 1987

Approved by both Houses of Parliament

Made - - - -	*26th November 1987*
Laid before Parliament	*30th November 1987*
Coming into force	*1st January 1988*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, being satisfied with respect to the non-indigenous animals which are the subject of this Order that by reason of their destructive habits it is desirable to control the keeping of them and to destroy any which may be at large, acting jointly, in exercise of powers conferred by section 10(1) of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932(**a**) and now vested in them(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation, commencement and duration

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Mink (Keeping) Order 1987 and shall come into force on 1st January 1988.

(2) This Order shall cease to have effect on 1st January 1993.

Interpretation

2. In this Order–

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

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

Keeping of mink

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the keeping within Great Britain of any mink, except under a licence granted under the Act, is prohibited.

(2) The keeping of any mink is prohibited–

(a) on any off-shore island of Great Britain other than the Isle of Wight, the Isle of Arran (including the neighbouring Holy Island), the Isle of Harris and Lewis and its associated islands north of a line dividing Harris from the islands of Shillay, Pabbay, Ensay, Killegray, Langay and Gilsay;

(b) in the Caithness District of the Highland Region of Scotland;

(c) in the Sutherland District of the Highland Region of Scotland.

(**a**) 1932 c.12.

(**b**) In the case of the Secretary of State for Wales by virtue of S.I. 1969/388.

Exceptions to application of the Act

4. In the application of the Act in relation to mink, there shall be omitted sections 5(2) and 6(1)(f) and in section 6(1) the reference to a penalty in the case of an offence under paragraph (f).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd November 1987.

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John MacGregor
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Sanderson of Bowden
22nd November 1987 Minister of State, Scottish Office

Peter Walker
26th November 1987 Secretary of State for Wales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits the keeping of mink on certain off-shore islands of Great Britain and in certain parts of the Highland Region of Scotland and prohibits the keeping of mink in the rest of Great Britain except under licence (article 3). The Order replaces the Mink (Keeping) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1745) which prohibits the keeping of mink within Great Britain except under licence and which ceases to have effect on 1st January 1988.

In consequence of the making of this Order the provisions of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 will continue to apply to mink, subject to certain exceptions relating to the duty on occupiers of land to give notice of the presence on their land of mink not kept under a licence (article 4).