EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes an Order made under Defence Regulations, which required stacks to be fenced during threshing or dismantling so as to prevent the escape of rats and ensure their destruction. The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, now provides for this matter.

The Rats and Mice (Revocation) (Scotland) Order, 1950

1950 No. 422 (S. 24)

Made - - - -	21*st March*, 1950
Laid before Parliament	23*rd March*, 1950
Coming into Operation	31*st March*, 1950

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Regulations 50, 54B, 55, 85, 95 and 98 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939(**a**), as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(**b**), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(**c**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Rats and Mice (Revocation) (Scotland) Order, 1950 and shall come into operation on the 31st day of March, 1950.

2. The Rats and Mice (Scotland) Order, 1943(**d**), is hereby revoked.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1950.

Hector McNeil,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes an Order made under Defence Regulations, which required occupiers of land in Scotland to notify their local authority if their land became infested with rats or mice, and empowered the Secretary of State to give directions to the owners or occupiers of land to take steps to remedy or prevent such infestation and also empowered him to authorise a person to carry out the steps required by his directions, in cases where an owner or occupier failed to comply with a direction under the Order, or a local authority failed to comply with a direction under Defence Regulation 54B. The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, which comes into force on the same day as this Order, makes new provision for the control of rats and mice.

(a) S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 927) I, p. 715.
(b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (Nos. 1616, 1618, 1624 and 1625) II, pp. 46, 48, 54 and 56.
(c) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.
(d) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 910) II, p. 1783.