STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1003

VETERINARY SURGEONS

The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1980

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - -	*16th July 1980*
Coming into Operation	*17th July 1980*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales and the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Ministers") acting jointly in exercise of powers conferred by section 19(5) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(**a**) and now vested in them (**b**), after consultation with the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and with persons appearing to the Ministers to represent interests so appearing to be substantially affected, hereby make the following order, of which a draft has been approved by both Houses of Parliament:

1. This order may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 1980, and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

2. In Part II of Schedule 3 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, after the words "six months" there shall be inserted:—

> "or the removal (otherwise than in an emergency for the purpose of saving life or relieving pain) of any part of the antlers of a deer before the velvet of the antlers is frayed and the greater part of it has been shed."

(**a**) 1966 c. 36.
(**b**) In the case of the Secretary of State for Wales, by virtue of S.I. 1978/272. In the case of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, by virtue of 1973 (c. 36) Sch.5 para. 7(1); 1974 (c. 28) Sch.1 para. 2.(1) and (2).

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 3rd July 1980.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

8th July 1980.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

16th July 1980.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 4th July 1980.

(L.S.)

J.A. Young,
Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

Section 19 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 contains restrictions on the practice of veterinary surgery by unqualified persons, but these restrictions do not prohibit the doing of anything specified in Part I of Schedule 3 to the Act and not excluded by Part II of that Schedule.

This Order, by amending Part II of Schedule 3, prohibits the removal by unqualified persons of any part of the antlers of a deer while those antlers are in velvet, except in an emergency for the purpose of saving life or relieving pain.