STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1004

ANIMALS

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

The Welfare of Livestock (Deer) Regulations 1980

Laid before Parliament in draft

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

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales, acting jointly in exercise of powers conferred by section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968(**a**) and now vested in them(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with such persons appearing to them to represent any interests concerned as they have considered appropriate, hereby make the following regulations, of which a draft has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:–

1. These regulations may be cited as the Welfare of Livestock (Deer) Regulations 1980. They apply to Great Britain and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which they are made.

2. – (1) Subject as provided in paragraph (2) below, no person shall remove, or cause or permit to be removed, any part of the antlers of a deer while those antlers are in velvet and the animal in question is livestock for the time being situated on agricultural land.

Antlers are in velvet for this purpose until the velvet is frayed and the greater part of it has been shed.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) above applies to any act lawfully done under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876(**c**) or affects–

(*a*) the rendering, in emergency, of first aid for the purpose of saving life or relieving pain, or

(*b*) the performance by a veterinary surgeon of an operation where in his opinion—

(i) disease or injury is present, and

(ii) the proper treatment for it is, or includes, that operation.

(**a**) 1968 c. 34.
(**b**) In the case of the Secretary of State for Wales by virtue of S.I. 1978/272.
(**c**) 1876 c. 77.

(3) A person who contravenes any provision of paragraph (1) above shall be guilty of an offence under section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968.

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.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prohibit the removal of any part of the antlers while in velvet of a deer which is livestock for the time being situated on agricultural land. They do not apply to any act lawfully done under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876, nor do they affect the rendering of first aid to save life or relieve pain, or the performance by a veterinary surgeon of an operation which he considers necessary as treatment for disease or injury.