SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 127 (C. 14)

NATURE CONSERVATION

The Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*5th March 2026*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*9th March 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st July 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 35(2) and (3) of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024(**a**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 1 July 2026.

(2) In these Regulations, "the Act" means the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024.

Appointed Day

2.—(1) 1 July 2026 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the table in the schedule (the subject matter of which is described in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table).

(2) Where a purpose is specified in column 3 of the table in the schedule, the corresponding provision in column 1 comes into force in accordance with paragraph (1) only for that purpose.

JIM FAIRLIE
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
5th March 2026

(**a**) 2024 asp 4.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Provisions of the Act coming into force on the day appointed

Column 1 *Provisions of the Act*	Column 2 *Subject Matter*	Column 3 *Purpose*
Section 1	Offence of using glue trap	
Section 2	Offence of supplying glue trap	
Section 3	Offence of possessing glue trap	
Section 4	Forfeiture and disposal of glue traps	
Section 5	Authorisation for use, supply or possession of glue trap	
Section 24	Powers of entry, search and seizure with warrant	So far as it relates to sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Act
Section 25	Further restrictions on power of entry	
Section 26	Powers of local weights and measures authorities	
Section 27	Offence of obstructing officer of local weights and measures authority	
Section 28	Offence of impersonating officer of a local weights and measures authority	
Section 29	Individual culpability where organisation commits offence	So far as it relates to sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Act
Section 30	Crown application: criminal offences	
Section 31	Crown application: powers of entry	
Schedule	Investigatory powers of a local weights and measures authority	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Bill for the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 ("the Act") received Royal Assent on 30 April 2024. Sections 35 and 36 of the Act came into force the following day.

These Regulations commence sections 1 to 5 (glue traps) and sections 24 to 31 (enforcement provisions) of the Act on 1 July 2026. Section 24 (powers of entry, search and seizure with warrant) and section 29 (individual culpability where organisation commits and offence) are commenced only so far as they relate to sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Act.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 have been brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.S.I. No.*
Section 6	25 November 2024	S.S.I. 2024/267
Section 9	22 July 2024	S.S.I. 2024/168
Section 10 (for limited purposes)	1 July 2024	S.S.I. 2024/168
Section 10 (so far as not already in force)	22 July 2024	S.S.I. 2024/168
Section 11	17 October 2024	S.S.I. 2024/267
Section 18	1 July 2024	S.S.I. 2024/168
Section 21	1 July 2024	S.S.I. 2024/168
Section 33	17 October 2024	S.S.I. 2024/267
Section 34	17 October 2024	S.S.I. 2024/267

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