WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 1427 (W.177)

ANIMALS, WALES

DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS

The Mink Keeping (Prohibition) (Wales) Order 2012

Approved by the National Assembly for Wales

Made - - - -	*8 May 2012*
Laid before the National Assembly for Wales - -	*8 May 2012*
Coming into force - -	*1 June 2012*

The Welsh Ministers, being satisfied that by reason of the destructive habits of the non-indigenous mammalian species which are the subject of this Order it is desirable to prohibit or control the keeping of them and to destroy any which may be at large, and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(1) of the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932(**1**) and now vested in them(**2**), make the following Order:

Title, application and commencement

1.—(1) The title of this Order is the Mink Keeping (Prohibition) (Wales) Order 2012.

(2) This Order applies in relation to Wales.

(3) This Order comes into force on 1 June 2012.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(a) "the Act" ("*y Ddeddf*") means the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932; and

(b) "mink" ("*minc*") means the animal of the species mustela vison.

(**1**) 1932 c. 12; section 11(interpretation) was amended by S.I.1992/3302.

(**2**) The functions of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under section 10 of the Act transferred to that Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales jointly by virtue of the Transfer of Functions (Wales) Order 1969 (S.I. 1969/388). Those functions, in so far as they are exercisable in relation to Wales, were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by virtue of article 2 of, and Schedule 1 to, the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672), and were vested in the Welsh Ministers by virtue of section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32). The 1999 Order provides for an exception to the transfer of functions under section 10 of the Act where the exercise of the functions relates to importation of animals to which that Act relates but that exception is not relevant to this Order.