1984 No. 291

GAME

Game Birds Preservation Order (Northern Ireland) 1984

Made . . . . . *13th August 1984*

Coming into operation . . . *21st August 1984*

The Department of the Environment(**a**), being satisfied that it is necessary to provide special protection for grouse, partridge, red-legged partridge and hen pheasants,

(*a*) in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7C(1) and 7F of the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and now vested in the Head of the Department of the Environment, and paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf; and

(*b*) after publishing, pursuant to section 7F(5) of the Act, notice of proposal to make this Order and the purport thereof and not having received any objection to the said proposal,

hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Game Birds Preservation Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 21st August 1984.

Prohibition of sale for consumption of grouse

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase grouse for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 21st August 1984 to 11th August 1985.

Prohibition of shooting or taking of partridge

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to shoot or take partridge at any time from 30th September 1984 to 30th September 1985.

Prohibition of shooting or taking of hen pheasants and red-legged partridges

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to shoot or take hen-pheasants or red-legged partridges from 30th September 1984 to 30th September 1985 provided that the Department of the Environment may, where it is considered expedient so to do, grant exemption from the terms of this Article.

(**a**) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs, then the Minister of Development and lately the Head of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning: *see* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 252; *see* Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 c. 36 sch. 5 para. 7; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 7; S.I. 1976/424 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(**b**) 1928 c. 25 (N.I.):*see* s. 3 of 1951 c. 4 (N.I.)

(**c**) 1974 c. 28