1981 No. 238

GAME

Game Birds Preservation Order (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*10th July 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*11th August 1981*

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, 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) 1981 and shall come into operation on 11th August 1981.

Prohibition of sale 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 11th August 1981 to 11th August 1982.

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 1981 to 30th September 1982.

Prohibition of killing of hen pheasants and red-legged partridge

4. It shall not be lawful for any person to kill hen pheasants or red-legged partridge from 30th September 1981 to 30th September 1982 provided that the Department of the Environment may, where it is considered expedient so to do, grant exemption from the terms of this Article.

Prohibition of sale for consumption of hen pheasants and red-legged partridge

5. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell or purchase hen pheasants or red-legged partridge for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals at any time from 30th September 1981 to 30th September 1982 except that a person who has been exempted under Article 4 to kill hen pheasants may sell them to a licensed game dealer.

(**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. 252/1973: (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