1973. No. 20 **[NC]**

GAME

Hares

ORDER, DATED 30TH JANUARY 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 7(3) AND SECTION 7F OF THE GAME PRESERVATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1928.

WHEREAS it is provided in effect by section 7(3) of the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Minister of Home Affairs may by Order vary the period referred to in paragraph (*a*) of sub-section (1) of the said section during which it shall be unlawful to take, kill or destroy hares:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the Ministries (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(**b**) that the functions of the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Act should be transferred to the Ministry of Development from the 1st November 1972:

AND WHEREAS by section 1(1)(*a*) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**c**) it is provided that so long as that section has effect all functions which apart from the said Act of 1972 belong to any minister of Northern Ireland shall be discharged by the Secretary of State:

AND WHEREAS recommendations have been made to me, that the said period should be varied in its application to occupiers of orchards or nursery grounds for the production of plants, shrubs or rose trees of one-half acre and above:

AND WHEREAS notice was duly given by me on the 10th January 1973 in accordance with the provisions of section 7F of the Act of my intention to make such an Order and the purport thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by section 7(3) and section 7F of the Act and of every other power me thereunto enabling, do hereby order and direct as follows:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Game Preservation (Hares) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Variation of close season for hares

2. In 1973, 1974 and 1975 the period during which it shall be unlawful, by virtue of section 7(1)(*a*) of the Act, wilfully to take, kill or destroy any hare shall be varied in the cause to which this Order applies so as to commence on the 1st July and end on the 11th August.

(**a**) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 25 (N.I.).
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 252.
(**c**) 1972. c. 22.