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WILD BIRDS—CLASSIFICATION

ORDER, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 16 OF THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1931.

Whereas it is provided by section 5 of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1931(a) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") that the Minister of Home Affairs may by Order alter the classification of any bird from one category under the Act to another:

And whereas representations have been made to me, the Right Honourable William Craig, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, that special protection should be given to the Sparrowhawk and that the classification of Coot, Heron and Moorhen and of the Feral Pigeon should be altered:

And whereas in accordance with the provisions of section 16(6) of the principal Act notice of the proposal to make an Order and the purport thereof was duly given on the 27th September, 1963:

And whereas no objections were received by me to the making of such Order.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable William Craig, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 5 and 16 of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1931 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, hereby order and direct as follows, that is to say:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection (Classification) Order (Northern Ireland) 1963 and shall come into operation on the 2nd December, 1963.

Reclassification of Sparrowhawk, Coot, Heron, Moorhen and Feral Pigeon

2. That the Sparrowhawk shall be classified under the principal Act as being in Category I and the eggs and nests of such bird shall be deemed to be specially protected at all times.

3. That Coot, Heron and Moorhen shall be transferred from Category II to Category I of the First Schedule to the principal Act and shall be classified accordingly.

(a) 21 & 22 Geo. 5. c. 14 (N.I.).