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ANIMALS

Prevention of Cruelty

ORDER, DATED 14TH DECEMBER, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 1D OF THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS ACT, 1911(a).

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 1D of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, as inserted by section 3 of the Protection of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1961(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Small Ground Vermin Traps Order (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1962.

Traps for Rats, Mice and other Small Ground Vermin

2. The traps referred to in the Schedule are, for the purpose of sub-section (4) of section 1D of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, hereby specified as being adapted solely for the destruction of rats, mice or other small ground vermin.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 14th day of December, 1961, in the presence of

(L.S.) *A. Alexander,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

1. Spring traps known as break-back traps and commonly used for the destruction of rats, mice or other small ground vermin.

2. Spring traps of the kind commonly used for catching moles in their runs.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Sub-section (1) of section 1D of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, provides that after the 31st December, 1961, it shall be an offence to use, for the purpose of killing or taking animals, a spring trap other than one approved by Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The sub-section does not, however, apply to traps specified by the Ministry as being adapted solely for the destruction of rats, mice or other small ground vermin. By this Order the Ministry so specifies two types of small vermin trap commonly in use.

(a) 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 27. (b) 1961. c. 9.