EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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. By this Order the Ministry approves certain traps subject to conditions as to the animals for which and the circumstances in which such traps may be used.

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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 Spring Traps Approval (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 1st January, 1962, and shall remain in force for a period of one year unless sooner revoked.

Approval of Spring Traps

2. For the purposes of section 1D of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, the gin trap is hereby approved; provided that it shall be used only for the purpose of killing or taking foxes and shall be securely pegged or fastened at the site and the person who sets or causes or procures the trap to be set shall inspect or cause some competent person to inspect the trap at least twice every day, one inspection to take place between 4 a.m. and 10 a.m., and one between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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.

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