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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 124**

**The Snares (Training) (Scotland) Order 2012**

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1. This Order may be cited as the Snares (Training) (Scotland) Order 2012 and comes into force on 4th June 2012.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

- (a) “1981 Act” means the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981;
- (b) “approved body” means a person or body specified in the Schedule; and
- (c) “trained” means trained to set a snare in position and on the circumstances in which the setting of snares is an appropriate method of predator control for the purposes of section 11A(4) of the 1981 Act.

**Training certificates**

3.—(1) A person is trained when that person holds a training certificate issued in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The training certificate is issued by an approved body.

(3) The training certificate is issued to a person who the approved body determines (by examination or otherwise) is competent to—

- (a) select an appropriate location for a snare to be set;
- (b) set a snare in accordance with the law;
- (c) identify and remedy defects in the setting and use of a snare; and
- (d) set a snare in such a manner, and in such a place, that it is reasonable to expect that—
  - (i) use of the snare is consistent with animal welfare; and
  - (ii) the setting of the snare is an appropriate method of predator control.

(4) The approved body may have regard to training undertaken, or qualifications obtained, by the person before the coming into force of this Order when making a determination of competence for the purposes of paragraph (3).

(5) Where an approved body, having made a determination of competence in relation to the matters set out in paragraph (3), issued a training certificate on or after 1st May 2010 and before the coming into force of this Order, that training certificate is deemed to be a training certificate issued in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).