
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 2223

The Mink (Keeping) Regulations 1975

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Mink (Keeping) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1976.

Revocation of previous regulations

2. The regulations specified in Schedule 1 to these regulations are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932;

“cage-trap” means a cage, trap or box designed or adapted for the catching alive of mink;

“mink” means the animal of the species designated *Mustela vison*.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Manner of keeping mink and precautions against escape

4.—(1) Any mink kept under a licence granted in accordance with section 3 of the Act as applied in relation to mink by the Mink (Keeping) Order 1972 shall, when not in the course of being transported from place to place, be confined in the manner and subject to the precautions set out in Schedule 2 to these regulations.

(2) No mink shall be transported from place to place except in closed cages or other containers constructed in such manner and of such materials as to prevent their escape.

(3) In any particular case the requirements referred to in Schedule 2 may be modified, and further requirements imposed, by the aforesaid licence according to the nature and situation of the premises at which the mink are to be kept, and in respect of premises at which mink are being kept on the 1st January 1976 according to any existing precautions to prevent the escape of mink.

Licences

5.—(1) A licence authorising the keeping of mink, granted in accordance with section 3 of the Act, shall be in the form set out in Schedule 3 to these regulations or in a form to the like effect, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions therein mentioned.

(2) A licence granted as aforesaid shall, subject to section 3(b) of the Act, be granted for a period not exceeding 12 months.

(3) On the granting of a licence in accordance with section 3 of the Act there shall be paid to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or to the Secretary of State for Scotland, as the case may be, a fee of £19.

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