

WILDLIFE ACT, 1976 (PROTECTION OF BULLFINCHES) REGULATIONS 1980

I, PATRICK POWER, Minister for Fisheries and Forestry, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 22 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (No. 39 of 1976), as adapted by the Fisheries (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order, 1978 (S.I. No. 195 of 1978), after consultation with the Minister for Agriculture, hereby make the following regulations:

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wildlife Act, 1976 (Protection of Bullfinches) Regulations, 1980.

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2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1980.

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3. The Bullfinch is hereby declared to be a wild bird to which section 22 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (No. 39 of 1976), applies.

GIVEN under my Official Seal, this 10th day of September, 1980.

PATRICK POWER,
Minister for Fisheries and Forestry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The effect of these Regulations is to remove the Bullfinch from the Third Schedule to the Wildlife Act, 1976, thereby making it a protected species throughout the State. It will be an offence to hunt, take or kill the species or wilfully to take, injure, mutilate or destroy its nests or eggs. The Act enables fruit growers to take appropriate protective action where their crops are being damaged by the species.