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BIRDS' EGGS (COLLECTION) REGULATIONS

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Citation.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Birds' Eggs (Collection) Regulations.

Definition.

2. In these regulations "birds' eggs" shall mean the eggs of the following sea-birds:—

Goelette, Sooty or Wideawake tern (*Sterna fuscata nubilosa*) Mocoa or Common Noddy (*Anous stolidus pileatus*).

Prohibition on collection.

3. No person shall collect or gather birds' eggs during the period of the close season.

Prohibited islands and quota.
 S.I. 41/1977.

4(1) No person shall collect or gather birds' eggs on any island not listed in the first column of the Schedule.

(2) No person shall in any year collect or gather birds' eggs in excess of the number specified in the second column of the Schedule in respect of each island listed therein.

5. A person having the possession, management or control of property on which birds' eggs have been laid or deposited, or being responsible for the collection or gathering of birds' eggs, shall not permit birds' eggs to be collected or gathered during the close season (save as provided in regulation 6) or in excess of the number laid down in regulation 4.

Prohibition on owner of property.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 3 birds' eggs may be collected or gathered during the close season for *bona fide* natural history or scientific purposes provided written permission has previously been obtained from the Minister and in accordance with the terms of such permission.

Collection for specified purposes.

7.(a) In respect of all islands other than those specified in the Schedule the close season shall extend during the whole year.

Close season.
S.I. 67/1974.
S.I. 62/1976.
S.I. 41/1977.

(b) In respect of the islands specified in the Schedule the close season in each year shall extend from the 1st October to the end of the year.

8. It shall be lawful for any Government or police officer to enter and remain in or to visit and inspect any island or other place where birds' eggs are laid or deposited for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act or of any regulations made thereunder.

Right of entry.

9. It shall be lawful for any customs officer or officer of the Department of Agriculture or of Police who has reason to believe that there are birds' eggs on board any vessel, to search and inspect such vessel and any boxes or other articles found on such vessel and suspected to contain such eggs.

Right of search.

10. The owner of any islands listed in the Schedule or, when such islands are leased, the lessee thereof shall during the month of September in every year make a signed return to the Chief Agricultural Officer giving the number of birds' eggs collected, the disposal of such eggs and such other information as may be required by the Chief Agricultural Officer with respect to such islands. When no eggs have been collected a nil return shall be furnished.

Returns.
S.I. 104/1975.

Offences.

11. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of regulations 3, 4, 5 and 10 of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to the penalties prescribed in section 3(2) of the Act.

SCHEDULE

	<i>Islands</i>	<i>Quota</i>
S.I. 49/1973.		
S.I. 48/1974.		
S.I. 44/1975.	Desnoeufs	Unlimited
S.I. 55/1975.		
S.I. 51/1976.	L'Illot (Fregate)	70,000
S.I. 41/1977.		
S.I. 44/1977.	Bird or Ile aux Vaches	30,000.
