

WILDLIFE ACT 1976 (PROTECTION OF WILD ANIMALS) REGULATIONS 1980

I, PATRICK POWER, Minister for Fisheries and Forestry, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 23 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 Wild Animals) 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 Common Frog, Common Lizard, Common Newt, Pygmy Shrew and Stoat are each hereby declared to be an animal to which section 23 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 add the Common Frog, Common Lizard, Common Newt, Pygmy Shrew and Stoat to the list of protected species mentioned in the Fifth Schedule to the Wildlife Act, 1976. It will be an offence to hunt, take or kill any of these species or wilfully to interfere with or destroy their breeding places.