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## WILDLIFE, ENGLAND AND WALES The Ringing of Certain Captive-bred Birds (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

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#### 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

WILDLIFE, ENGLAND AND WALES  
The Ringing of Certain Captive-bred Birds (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

#### 6. Products Concerned

Changing how we regulate trade in certain captive-bred birds in England and Wales.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

Trade in certain captive-bred birds is regulated in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and Statutory Instrument The Wildlife and Countryside (Ringing of Certain Birds) Regulations 1982 (SI 1982/1220)

The new proposed regime sets out the changes (to include new proposed legislation) the UK intends to implement.



These are:-

- Make new regulations for the purpose of section 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 so that live captive-bred birds of species listed in Part I of Schedule 3 may be traded provided they are ringed in accordance with a proposed new minimum ringing standard. The regulations will specify requirements for British-bred birds, such as maximum ring sizes and authorised suppliers;
- Ensure that General Licences permit trade in birds of other species if they are ringed in accordance with the proposed new minimum ringing standard; and
- Remove the requirement to provide documentary evidence of captive breeding from the relevant General Licences permitting trade in live captive bred birds in England and Wales.
- Specifies maximum ring sizes to reflect the interim ring sizes currently being used by the International Ornithological Association (IOA) and the British Bird Council (BBC) (in line with the approach agreed with the then Department of the Environment in 1993) for Part I of Schedule 3 species.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Prior to the UK government consultation, concerns had been raised that the current regulation of trade in certain captive-bred birds requires reform, as it may restrict the trade in certain captive-bred birds imported into the United Kingdom from other European Member States.

The UK's main objective is to create a simpler regime for the trade in certain captive-bred birds that is easier for those wishing to trade imported birds to comply with, whilst continuing to protect wild birds from being unlawfully traded.

#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: The following texts may aid the Commission and Member States:-

Original Consultation document - available at

[https://consult.defra.gov.uk/biodiversity/trading-captive-bred-birds-proposed-changes/supporting\\_documents/Consultation%20Document%20Jan%202015.pdf](https://consult.defra.gov.uk/biodiversity/trading-captive-bred-birds-proposed-changes/supporting_documents/Consultation%20Document%20Jan%202015.pdf)

Consultation summary and government response - available at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/509610/captive-bred-birds-consult-sum-resp.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/509610/captive-bred-birds-consult-sum-resp.pdf)

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69>

#### 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

#### 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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#### 13. Confidentiality

No

#### 14. Fiscal measures

No

#### 15. Impact assessment

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#### 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

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