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## The Spring Traps Approval (England) Order 2018

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### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

The Spring Traps Approval (England) Order 2018

**6. Products Concerned**

Spring Traps

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

Under the Pests Act 1954, spring traps are prohibited in England unless approved by the government via a Spring Traps Approval Order.

This regulation revokes and replaces the Spring Traps Approval Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/13) which approves types of spring trap for use, allowing them to be sold and used in England, and two subsequent variation Orders, the Spring Traps Approval (Variation) (England) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1427) and the Spring Traps Approval (Variation) (England) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/247).

This regulation adds four types of spring trap to those approved for use in England and adds to the target species against which two of the traps previously approved may be used. This regulation also removes eight types of approved spring trap which have been out of production for some time and are seldom used to trap any permitted target species.

It also removes stoat as a permitted target species for 11 approved traps which do not meet the required humaneness standards set out in the Agreement for International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS). However, we have agreed with stakeholders to delay this removal (as permitted under the Agreement) until 1 April 2020 to give the sector sufficient time to manufacture, supply and deploy new compliant stoat traps.

The 2012 Order was notified and cleared in 2011 (reference Notification: 2011/0441/UK)

The 2015 Order was notified and cleared in 2015 (reference Notification: 2015/0005/UK)

The 2016 Order was notified and cleared in 2015 (reference Notification: 2015/0523/UK)

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Spring traps are used to control certain wild animals that cause problems for people.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

References of the Basic Texts: Pests Act 1954 c.68  
Section 8



Restriction on type of trap in England and Wales.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall be guilty of an offence under this subsection if, either—

(a) for the purpose of killing or taking animals, he uses, or knowingly permits the use of, any spring trap other than an approved trap, or uses, or knowingly permits the use of, an approved trap for animals or in circumstances for which it is not approved; or

(b) he sells, or exposes or offers for sale, any spring trap other than an approved trap with a view to its being used for a purpose which is unlawful under the foregoing paragraph; or

(c) he has any spring trap in his possession for a purpose which is unlawful under this subsection.

(3) In subsection (1) of this section any reference to an approved trap refers to a trap of a type and make for the time being specified by order of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries as approved by him either generally or subject to conditions as to the animals for which or the circumstances in which it may be used, and any reference to the animals or circumstances for which a trap is approved shall be construed accordingly.

#### 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

An impact assessment has not been produced for this regulation, as no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

#### 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure



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