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## The Spring Traps Approval (Northern Ireland) 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 (Northern Ireland) Order 2018

**6. Products Concerned**

Spring Traps

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

Under Article 12A of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 it is an offence to use or permit the use of, for the purpose of killing or taking animals, any spring trap unless specified by an order of the Department.

This Order revokes and replaces the Spring Traps Approval Order 2012(S.R. 2012/25) which approves the list of the makes and models of spring traps that are authorised for use in Northern Ireland.

This Order adds ten types of spring trap to those approved for use in Northern Ireland and adds to the target species against which one/two of the traps previously approved may be used i.e. the BMI Magnum 55 may now also be used for grey squirrel.

This Order 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: 2011/0443/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: Please find attached links to

The Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 N.I. 2 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1985/171/contents> as amended by

The Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

c15 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/15/contents>



Section 11 of the 2011 Act amended the 1985 Order to include Article 12A.

**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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