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## Spring Traps Approval (Wales) Order 2018

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### Message

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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

Spring Traps Approval (Wales) Order 2018

**6. Products Concerned**

Spring Traps

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

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

This regulation revokes and replaces the Spring Traps Approval (Wales) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2941 (W. 300)) which approves types of spring traps for use, allowing them to be used sold and used in Wales.

This regulation adds eight types of spring traps to those approved for use in Wales. It also adds target species against which eight of the traps previously approved may be used. The purpose of killing has been removed from one of the traps which has previously been approved. The purpose of taking has been removed from 10 of the traps which have previously been approved. The purpose of restraining has been changed to taking on one of the traps which has previously been approved. This regulation also removes eight types of approved spring traps 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 traps.

The Spring Traps Approval (Wales) Order 2012 (reference Notification: 2011/0465/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: Pest Act 1954 c.68 Notified under 2018/0318/UK  
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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