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# WILD BIRDS

## Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese and Sale of Wild Birds for Consumption Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

*Made* . . . . . *9th February* 1977

*Coming into operation* . . . *1st March* 1977

The Department of the Environment(a)

(*a*) in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 5, 7 and 16 of the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1931(b) as amended by the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(c) and paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(d) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf;

(*b*) being satisfied that it is necessary to make provision for the conservation of bird life; and

(*c*) after publishing, pursuant to the said section 16, notice of proposal to make this Order and the purport thereof and not having received any objection to the said proposal,

hereby orders and directs as follows:

*Citation, commencement and duration*

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese and Sale of Wild Birds for Consumption Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall remain in force for a period of three years from 1st March 1977 unless sooner varied or revoked.

*Special protection for Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese*

**2.** Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese shall be classified under the Wild Birds Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1931 as being in Category I.

*Prohibition of sale of birds for consumption*

**3.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or to have in his possession for the purpose of sale, for consumption in Northern Ireland or elsewhere by human beings or animals, any bird other than wood-pigeon.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 9th February 1977.

(L.S.)

*J. A. D. Higgins*
Senior Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs: *see* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 252 (p. 1385); 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 7; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 7 (II, p. 2992); S.I. 1976/424 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(b) 1931 c. 14 (N.I.)
(c) 1950 c. 26 (N.I.)
(d) 1974 c. 28

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order (*a*) gives protection at all times, and not only during the close season, to Barnacle, Brent and Canada Geese and to their eggs and nests; (*b*) prohibits the sale for consumption of all wild birds (including wild fowl) with the exception of wood-pigeon, but does not prevent the killing of birds at times when they are not protected. It does not refer to game birds, which are protected under the Game Laws of Northern Ireland.