

# GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

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## **The Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) Order, 2014 \***

*[CONSOLIDATED TEXT]*

### **NOTE**

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\* G.S.I. No. 33 of 2014; as amended by the: Organisation of States' Affairs (Transfer of Functions) Ordinance, 2016 (No. IX of 2016); Animal Welfare (Amendment) Order, 2017 (G.S.I. No. 23 of 2017); Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) (Amendment) Order, 2025 (G.S.I. No. 35 of 2017); Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2025 (G.S.I. No. 52 of 2025). See also the Firearms (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2016 (No. IV of 2016).

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*(Made on 17th June, 2014.)*

## **The Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) Order, 2014**

**THE COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT**, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 14 and 79 of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012<sup>a</sup>, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders: –

### **Designated pest animals.**

1. The animals described in Schedule 1 are designated as pest animals under section 14(1) of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 except where the animal is a pet animal.

### **Control measures etc. relating to pest animals.**

2. (1) Schedule 2 sets out the control measures which may be used, and the requirements applying in relation to the carrying out of such control measures, for the control of rats and mice which are pest animals.

(2) Schedule 3 sets out the control measures which may be used, and the requirements applying in relation to the carrying out of such control measures, for the control of carrion crows and magpies.

(3) Schedule 4 sets out the control measures which may be used, and the requirements applying in relation to the carrying out of such control measures, for the control of feral pigeons.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, where a pest animal is controlled it

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<sup>a</sup> Ordinance No. III of 2012.

must be controlled –

- (a) using a control measure, and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements specified in relation to the carrying out of that control measure, set out in relation to that pest animal in Schedules 2 to 4 to this Order.

**Interpretation.**

3. (1) In this Order, unless the context requires otherwise –

**"air weapon"** means an air rifle or an air pistol capable of discharging a missile so that the missile has, on being discharged from the muzzle of the weapon, kinetic energy which is no more than –

- (a) in the case of an air pistol, 6 foot pounds, or
- (b) in the case of an air rifle, 12 foot pounds,

[ **"approved person"** means a person who –

- (a) is the holder of a qualification that demonstrates that the holder has received training in the use of Larsen traps, or
- (b) has practical knowledge or experience in the use of Larsen traps,

such that the person would be competent to use such a trap in accordance with the requirements of this Order and has demonstrated the same in writing to the

satisfaction of the States Veterinary Officer,]

**"approved pest controller"** means a person who is the holder of an Award in Pest Management issued by the British Pest Control Association or who has successfully completed the Accredited Technician in Pest Control course provided by that Association,

**"approved rodenticide"** means a rodenticide approved in accordance with the [Control of Poisonous Substances (Guernsey) Regulations, 2014],

**"exsanguination"** means a process that causes blood loss to a degree sufficient to cause death,

**"Larsen trap"** means a cage with two (or more) compartments in which a previously caught bird is kept as a decoy to attract and trap other birds,

**"pest animal"** means an animal designated under article 1 as a pest animal,

**"shot gun certificate"** has the meaning in section 58 of the Firearms (Guernsey) Law, 1998,

and other expressions, unless the context requires otherwise, have the same meanings as in the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012.

(2) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948<sup>c</sup> applies to the interpretation of this Order.

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<sup>c</sup> Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 355.

(3) Any reference in this Order to an enactment is a reference thereto as from time to time amended, re-enacted (with or without modification), extended or applied.

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**NOTES**

*In article 3,*

*the definition of the expression "approved person" in paragraph (1) was inserted by the Animal Welfare (Amendment) Order, 2017, article 2(a), with effect from 30th April, 2017;*

*the words in square brackets in the definition of the expression in paragraph (1) were substituted by the Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) (Amendment) Order, 2025, article 2, with effect from 1st May, 2025.*

*In accordance with the provisions of the Firearms (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2016, section 31(1), with effect from 1st November, 2017, the references in this Order to the Firearms (Guernsey) Law, 1998 are to construed as referring, or including a reference, to the Firearms and Weapons (Guernsey) Law, 1998, so far as may be necessary for preserving the effect of the Order.*

*The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948 has since been repealed by the Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016, section 28(a), with effect from 1st October, 2018.*

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**Citation and commencement.**

4. This Order may be cited as the Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) Order, 2014 and shall come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 1

DESIGNATED PEST ANIMALS

Rat	Common brown rat	Rattus norvegicus
Mouse	House Mouse	Mus domesticus
Carrion crow		Corvus corone
Magpie		Pica pica
Feral pigeon		Columba livia.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(1)

CONTROL MEASURES ETC. FOR THE CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE  
WHICH ARE PEST ANIMALS

PART I

CONTROL MEASURES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Rats and mice which are pest animals may, subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, be controlled by any person at any time and during any period of the year, within a building, or within the curtilage of a building, using any of the control measures set out in paragraph 2.

2. The control measures referred to in paragraph 1 are –

- (a) trapping using a trap specified in the first column of the Table in Part II ("**approved trap**") in accordance with the requirements specified for that trap in the second column of Part II,
- (b) trapping using a spring trap of a type that has been specifically adapted for the control of rats and mice and is commonly known as a break-back trap,
- [(ba) trapping using a glue trap, under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by the Committee to the person under section 12G(2) of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012,]
- (c) trapping alive using a cage or a device, other than of a type specified in subparagraph (a) or (b), designed

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specifically for the purpose of trapping rats or mice alive without causing them physical harm and then –

- (i) releasing, or
- (ii) killing by using a control measure set out in Part III, or
- (d) poisoning using an approved rodenticide.

3. The control measures set out in paragraph 2 must be carried out in accordance with any instructions provided by the manufacturer of the trap, cage, other device, pesticide or any other thing comprising the control measure.

[ 4. For the avoidance of doubt, paragraph (2)(c) does not authorise the use of a glue trap to control rats or mice.]

PART II  
APPROVED TRAPS

<b>Column 1</b> <b>Type and make of trap</b>	<b>Column 2</b> <b>Requirements</b>
[ <b>Aurotrap</b> manufactured by or under the authority of AUROCON Automated Rodent Control, Industrivej 35, 9600 Aars, Denmark.	The trap may only be used for the purpose of killing rats.]
<b>BMI Magnum 55</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Butera Manufacturing Industries, 1068 E 134 <sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH, 44110-2248, USA.	The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.

**BMI Magnum 110** manufactured by or under the authority of Butera Manufacturing Industries, 1068 E 134<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH, 44110-2248, USA. The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.

**BMI Magnum 116** manufactured by or under the authority of Butera Manufacturing Industries, 1068 E 134<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH, 44110-2248, USA. The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.

**DOC 150** manufactured by or under the authority of the Department of Conservation, Wellington, New Zealand. The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats. The trap must be set in an artificial tunnel constructed to any recommended design specified by the manufacturer.

**DOC 200** manufactured by or under the authority of the Department of Conservation, Wellington, New Zealand. The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats. The trap must be set in an artificial tunnel constructed to any recommended design specified by the manufacturer.

**DOC 250** manufactured by or under the authority of the Department of Conservation, Wellington, New Zealand. The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats. The trap must be set in an artificial tunnel constructed to any recommended design specified by the manufacturer.

[...] **Fenn Vermin Trap Mark IV (Heavy Duty)** manufactured by or under the authority of Mr A. A. Fenn of The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.

FHT Works, High Street, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire, England and specified in British Patent Specification No. 763,891 and as illustrated in figures 1 to 3 of that Specification.

**Fenn Vermin Trap Mark VI (Dual Purpose)** manufactured by or under the authority of Mr A. A. Penn of FHT Works, High Street, Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire, England and specified in British Patent Specification No. 763,891.

The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.

**[Goodnature A18 Grey Squirrel Trap** manufactured by or under the authority of Goodnature Limited, 4-12 Cruickshank Street, Kilbirnie 6022, Wellington, New Zealand.

The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats.

The trap must be so placed that it can only be entered by way of an artificial tunnel which is suitable for the purpose.]

**[Goodnature A24 Pro** manufactured by or under the authority of Goodnature Limited, 4-12 Cruickshank Street, Kilbirnie 6022, Wellington, New Zealand.

The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats and mice.

The trap must be so placed that it can only be entered by way of an artificial tunnel which is suitable for the purpose.]

**[Goodnature A24 Rat and Stoat Trap** manufactured by or under the authority of Goodnature Limited, 4-12

The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats and mice.

<p>Cruickshank Street, Kilbirnie 6022, Wellington, New Zealand.</p>	<p>The trap must be so placed that it can only be entered by way of an artificial tunnel which is suitable for the purpose.]</p>
<p>[...]</p>	<p>[...]</p>
<p>[...]</p>	<p>[...]</p>
<p><b>Kania Trap 2000</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Kania Industries Inc., 63 Centennial Road, British Columbia, V9R 6N6, Canada.</p>	<p>The trap must be set within the housing provided by the manufacturer.</p>
<p>[<b>Kania Trap 2500</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Kania Industries Inc., 63 Centennial Road, British Columbia, V9R 6N6, Canada.</p>	<p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats and mice.</p>
<p>[<b>KORO Large Rodent Double Coil Spring Snap Trap</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Koro Traps, Box 5 Grp.22 RR2, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0, Canada.</p>	<p>The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose.]</p>
	<p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats.</p>
	<p>The trap must be so positioned that animals can only enter it from the front, and set within an artificial blind tunnel which is suitable for the purpose. (The front is the side from which the letters KORO can be read face-on and the correct way up.)]</p>

<p><b>[KORO Rodent Snap Trap</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Koro Traps, Box 5 Grp.22 RR2, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0, Canada.</p>	<p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats.</p>
	<p>The trap must be so positioned that animals can only enter it from the front, and set within an artificial blind tunnel which is suitable for the purpose. (The front is the side from which the letters KORO can be read face-on and the correct way up.)]</p>
<p>[...]</p>	<p>[...]</p>
<p><b>Nooski</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Nooski Trap Systems, 50 White Street, Rotorua, New Zealand.</p>	<p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats. The trap must be set within the housing and artificial tunnel provided by the manufacturer.</p>
<p><b>Nooski mouse trap</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Nooski Trap Systems, 50 White Street, Rotorua, New Zealand.</p>	<p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing mice. The trap must be set within the housing and artificial tunnel provided by the manufacturer.</p>
<p><b>[Perdix Spring Trap</b> manufactured by or under the authority of PERDIX Wildlife Solutions Ltd, Unit 1 Hatton Rock Business Park, Hatton Rock, Stratford-UponAvon, Warwickshire, CV37 0BX.</p>	<p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing or taking rats.</p>
<p><b>[Quill Trap</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Quill Productions,</p>	<p>The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose.]</p> <p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats.</p>

Manor Farm, Pulham, Dorchester,  
Dorset, DT2 7EE.

Where used in a closed-end trap configuration, the trap must be set in an artificial tunnel constructed to the design specified by Quill Productions using materials suitable for the purpose.

Where used in a run-through trap configuration, the trap must be set in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for the run-through configuration in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose.]

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[**Smart Catch** manufactured by or under the authority of Anticimex Innovation Center A/S, Skovgaardsvej 23E, DK-3200 Helsingør, Denmark.

The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats and mice.]

[**Smart Catch Mini** manufactured by or under the authority of Anticimex Innovation Centre A/S, Skovgaardsvej 23E, DK-3200, Helsingør, Denmark.

The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats.]

[**Smart Pipe Long Life 110** (article number 141110), **Smart Pipe Long Life 160** (article number 141160), **Smart Pipe Long Life 200** (article number 141200), **Smart Pipe Long Life 250** (article number 141250), and

The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats.

The trap must be set within a sewer, drainpipe or similar structure.]

<p><b>Smart Pipe Long Life 300</b> (article number 141300) manufactured by or under the authority of Anticimex Innovation Center A/S, Skovgaardsvej 23E, DK-3200 Helsingør, Denmark.</p>	
<p><b>Solway Spring Trap Mk4</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Solway Feeders Ltd., Main Street, Dundrennan, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4QH, Scotland.</p>	<p>The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.</p>
<p><b>Solway Spring Trap Mk6</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Solway Feeders Ltd., Main Street, Dundrennan, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4QH, Scotland.</p>	<p>The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.</p>
<p><b>Springer No. 4 Multi-purpose (Heavy Duty)</b> manufactured by or under the authority of AB County Products Ltd., Unit 3, Wellington Works, 15 The High Street, Redditch, Worcestershire, England.</p>	<p>The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.</p>
<p><b>Springer No. 6 Multi-purpose</b> manufactured by or under the authority of AB County Products Ltd., Unit 3, Wellington Works, 15 The High Street, Redditch, Worcestershire, England.</p>	<p>The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose of setting a trap.</p>
<p>[<b>Tully Trap</b> manufactured by or under the authority of KM Pressings Ltd, 37B</p>	<p>The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats.</p>

Copenhagen Road, Sutton Fields Industrial Estate, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU7 0XQ.	The trap must be set in a natural or artificial tunnel which is, in either case, suitable for the purpose.]
<b>WCS Tube Trap International</b> manufactured by or under the authority of Wildlife Control Supplies, LLC, P.O. Box 538, East Granby, CT 06026, USA.	The trap may be used only for the purpose of killing rats. The trap must be set within the artificial tunnel provided by the manufacturer.
[...]	[...]

PART III

APPROVED CONTROL MEASURES FOR KILLING TRAPPED RATS AND  
MICE

The control measures for the killing of trapped rats and mice, referred to in paragraph 2(c)(ii) of Part I, are killing by –

- (a) destruction of the brain by a strong and accurate blow to the head with a suitable implement, or
- (b) destruction of the brain by shooting with an air weapon or a shot gun by –
  - (i) the owner or occupier of the land on which the trap is located provided that, where a shot gun is used, he is the holder of a shot gun certificate in respect of that gun,

- (ii) any other person provided that –
  - (A) he has the written permission of the owner or occupier of the land on which the trap is located to control rats on the land, and
  - (B) where a shot gun is used, he is the holder of a shot gun certificate in respect of that gun.

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**NOTES**

*In Schedule 2,*

*first, paragraph 2(ba) was inserted and, second, paragraph 4 was substituted by the Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2025, respectively article 1(2) and article 1(3), with effect from 30th May, 2025;<sup>1</sup>*

*first, the words omitted in the square brackets in the first and second columns of the Table in Part II were revoked and, second, the entries for "Autotrap", "Goodnature A18 Grey Squirrel Trap", "Goodnature A24 Pro", "Goodnature A24 Rat and Stoat Trap", "Kania Trap 2500", "KORO Large Rodent Double Coil Spring Snap Trap", "KORO Rodent Snap Trap", "Perdix Spring Trap", "Smart Catch", "Smart Catch Mini", "Smart Pipe Long Life (nos. 110, 160, 200, 250 and 300)" and "Tully Trap" were inserted by the Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) (Amendment) Order, 2025, respectively article 3(3)(a) and article 3(3)(b), with effect from, respectively, 1st August, 2025 and 1st May, 2025.*

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SCHEDULE 3

Article 2(2)

CONTROL MEASURES ETC. FOR THE CONTROL OF CARRION CROWS  
AND MAGPIES

PART I

CONTROL MEASURES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Carrion crows and magpies may be controlled at any time and within any period of the year by –

(a) shooting with an air weapon or a shot gun by –

(i) the owner or occupier of the land on which the bird is found provided that, where a shot gun is used, he is the holder of a shot gun certificate in respect of that gun,

(ii) any other person provided that –

(A) he has the written permission of the owner or occupier of the land to control such birds on the land, and

(B) where a shot gun is used, he is the holder of a shot gun certificate in respect of that gun, or

(b) trapping alive by an approved pest controller [or an approved person] using a Larsen trap –

- (i) of a design or type specified in paragraph 1 of Part II, and
- (ii) meeting the requirement in paragraph 2 of Part II ("**approved Larsen trap**").

2. Approved Larsen traps must be used in accordance with the requirements set out in Part III and birds trapped alive in such a trap may be –

- (a) released, or
- (b) killed by using a control measure set out in Part IV.

PART II  
APPROVED LARSEN TRAPS

1. An approved Larsen trap is –

- (a) a trap that conforms to the design of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust,
- (b) a twin catch top entry magpie Larsen trap,
- (c) a twin catch top entry magpie centre decoy Larsen trap,  
or
- (d) a twin catch side entry crow Larsen trap,

and for the avoidance of doubt, does not include a clam type trap, a Larsen Mate or a Larsen Pod trap.

2. The compartments for the decoy bird in the Larsen trap must be –
  - (a) large enough for decoy birds to stretch their wings out without touching the sides of the compartment, and
  - (b) no smaller than 762 mm (30") long by 457 mm (18") tall by 381 mm (15") wide.

### PART III

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF APPROVED LARSEN TRAPS

1. A person who uses a trap must provide decoy birds with adequate food, water, suitable perches and protection from wind, rain and sun when they are used in a trap.
2. A trap must be checked when in use, at least twice every day, at intervals of no more than 16 hours and such a check must be sufficient to determine whether there are any live or dead birds or other animals in the trap.
3. Any species other than a carrion crow or magpie must be released unharmed immediately on being found in a trap.
4. A dead or sickly decoy bird must be removed immediately from a trap.
5. Only one decoy bird may be used in a trap and it must be kept in a separate compartment and a decoy bird must be removed from the trap when not in use.
6. When any trap is not in use it must be immobilised and rendered incapable of use.

7. A trap must carry a tag or sign that gives the name and telephone contact number of the person using it when it is in use.

8. A trap must be firmly pegged or staked to the ground or securely tied to a tree when in use.

PART IV  
APPROVED CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE KILLING OF TRAPPED  
CARRION CROWS AND MAGPIES

The control measures for the killing of trapped crows and magpies, referred to in paragraph 2(b) of Part I, are killing by –

- (a) means of a concussive device that is specifically designed to kill such a bird, or
- (b) means of exsanguination or dislocation of the neck, whilst the animal is stunned, such stunning having been done using a concussive device that is specifically designed to stun such a bird.

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**NOTE**

*In Schedule 3, the words in square brackets in paragraph 1(b) of Part I were inserted by the Animal Welfare (Amendment) Order, 2017, article 2(b), with effect from 30th April, 2017.*

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SCHEDULE 4

Article 2(3)

CONTROL MEASURES ETC. FOR THE CONTROL OF FERAL PIGEONS

1. Feral pigeons may be controlled by an approved pest controller carrying out a control measure set out in paragraph 2 in accordance with the requirements set out in paragraph 3.

2. The control measures referred to in paragraph 1 are –

- (a) live trapping or the destruction of birds and nests, or
- (b) the killing of birds after live trapping by means of –
  - (i) a concussive device that is specifically designed to kill such a bird, or
  - (ii) exsanguination or dislocation of the neck, whilst the bird is stunned, such stunning having been done using a concussive device that is specifically designed to stun such a bird.

3. The requirements referred to in paragraph 1 are that –

- (a) the [Committee] must be notified by the approved pest controller of –
  - (i) the proposed carrying out of control measures at least 7 working days before such measures are to be carried out, and
  - (ii) such notification must include –

- (A) a declaration by the approved pest controller to the effect set out in subparagraph (b), and
  - (B) a copy of the written permission of the owner of the land referred to in subparagraph (c),
- (b) the approved pest controller must be satisfied that the feral pigeons are causing damage to a building or that they represent a risk to public health,
  - (c) the written permission of the owner of the land, where such measures are planned to be carried out, must be obtained, and
  - (d) any ringed pigeons which are trapped whilst carrying out the control measures must immediately be released.

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**NOTES**

*In Schedule 4, the word "Committee" in square brackets was substituted by the Organisation of States' Affairs (Transfer of Functions) Ordinance, 2016, section 5(1), Schedule 3, paragraph 5, with effect from 1st May, 2016.*

*The functions, rights and liabilities of the Commerce and Employment Department and of its Minister or Deputy Minister arising under or by virtue of this Order were transferred to and vested in, respectively, the Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure (the "Committee") and its President or Vice-President by the Organisation of States' Affairs (Transfer of Functions) Ordinance, 2016, section 1, Schedule 1, paragraph 1(c), Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2 and section 4, with effect from 1st May, 2016, subject to the savings and transitional provisions in section 3 of the 2016 Ordinance.*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)\*\**

This Order designates the animals that are pest animals for the purposes of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 (see article 1 and Schedule 1 to this Order) and prescribes the control measures which may be used to control such pest animals and the requirements applying to the carrying out of such measures.

The control measures and related requirements for specified kinds of rats and mice which are designated as pest animals are set out in article 2(1) and Schedule 2, those for carrion crows and magpies in article 2(2) and Schedule 3 and those for feral pigeons in article 2(3) and Schedule 4.

The Order specifies that where pest animals are controlled they must be controlled using one of the control measures set out in the Order in relation to those pest animals and in compliance with the requirements applying to that control measure (article 2(4)).

It is an offence to contravene a requirement of this Order under section 14(4) of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 and such a contravention may also result in another offence being committed under the Ordinance in particular under section 1 or 7.

This Order comes into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014.

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**1** Paragraph 4 was originally inserted by the Animal Welfare (Designation and Control of Pest Animals) (Amendment) Order, 2025, article 3(2), with effect from 1st May, 2025.

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**\*\*** The text of this Explanatory Note is as it was when the Statutory Instrument was first made – that is to say that the Explanatory Note has not been updated to take account of any changes made by subsequent amending Statutory Instruments with their own Explanatory Notes.