

Scottish Government General Licence No.13/2009

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

LICENCE TO SELL FEATHERS AND PARTS OF CERTAIN DEAD WILD BIRDS

PURPOSE

This licence is granted by Scottish Ministers under Section 16(4)(a) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981, after consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage, and being convinced that there is no other satisfactory solution. It authorises, subject to further conditions;

- (i) the sale, offer or exposure for sale, possession or transport for the purpose of sale, and
- (ii) the publication or the causing to be published of any advertisement likely to be understood as conveying the intention of buying or selling,

of feathers, feathered wings or pieces of feathered skin or anything manufactured, or deriving from, such items from any bird, during the period from **01 March 2009 to 31 August 2009**¹, (and is valid between those dates) included in Schedule 3 Part III of the WCA namely:

Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Pochard	<i>Anas ferina</i>
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>

CONDITIONS

1. This licence only applies to the sale of any part or product of a small number of dead birds that were:

- (a) bred in captivity. A bird shall not be treated as being bred in captivity unless its parents were lawfully in captivity when the egg from which it hatched was laid. Documentary evidence of captive breeding must accompany any sale,
- or

¹ The WCA permits the sale, possession and transportation for sale of dead Schedule 3 Part III birds during the period between 1 September and 28 February.
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- (b) removed from the natural state within the United Kingdom under legal provisions in force in the United Kingdom. Documentary evidence that the bird was lawfully removed from the natural state must accompany the sale.

2. Any person who sells a part or product of such a dead bird, under this licence (“the seller”) shall keep a record (“the record”), for a minimum of two years from such sale. The record shall contain details of;

- (a) the person from whom the seller acquired the bird or part or product of such a bird;
- (b) the person to whom the part or product of such a bird was sold; and
- (c) the species of the bird sold, the cause of death (if known) and the age of the bird.

3. The seller must certify the record as accurate.

4. The seller shall, on being given reasonable notice in writing by the Scottish Ministers, produce the record to a person authorised in writing by the Scottish Ministers and the seller shall also permit such authorised person to inspect the record.

5. The seller shall submit to the Scottish Ministers by 31 December of each year a report giving details of any sale by him in that year of any part or product of such a dead bird which in either case has not previously been sold. The report shall also:-

- (a) state how the seller acquired each such bird or part or products of such a bird; and
- (b) list the type and number of each species sold.



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