

Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Bill

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Make provision prohibiting the import of hunting trophies into Great Britain.

BE IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Import prohibition

- (1) It is prohibited to bring a hunting trophy into Great Britain where—
- (a) the hunting trophy is of an animal to which this Act applies,
 - (b) the hunting trophy is brought into Great Britain by or on behalf of the hunter, 5
 - (c) the hunting trophy is brought into Great Britain in the course of transferring it from the place where the animal was hunted to a place where the hunter resides, and
 - (d) the animal was hunted on or after the day on which this section comes into force. 10
- (2) In this Act “hunting trophy” means the body of an animal, or a readily recognisable part or derivative of an animal, that—
- (a) is obtained by a person (“the hunter”) through hunting the animal, and
 - (b) is obtained for the hunter’s personal use (which does not include consumption), 15
- whether or not the body, part or derivative has been processed in any way.
- (3) Nothing in the Wildlife Trade Regulations operates to prohibit, or impose restrictions or conditions on, bringing a hunting trophy into Great Britain in circumstances where that is prohibited under subsection (1). 20
- (4) In subsection (3) “the Wildlife Trade Regulations” means—
- (a) Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (in this Act, the “Principal Wildlife Trade Regulation”);
 - (b) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006 of 4 May 2006; 25
 - (c) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 792/2012 of 23 August 2012;

- (d) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2019/1587 of 24 September 2019.

2 Animals to which the import prohibition relates

This Act applies to an animal of a species listed in Annex A or B of the Principal Wildlife Trade Regulation. 5

3 Supplementary provision about the import prohibition

- (1) In this Act a reference to bringing a hunting trophy into Great Britain is a reference to—
- (a) importing it into the United Kingdom as a result of its entry into Great Britain, or 10
 - (b) removing it from Northern Ireland to Great Britain.
- (2) The Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 applies in relation to the removal of a hunting trophy from Northern Ireland to Great Britain in contravention of the prohibition in section 1(1) as it applies in relation to importing a hunting trophy as specified in subsection (1)(a) in contravention of that prohibition. 15
- (3) The prohibition in section 1(1) does not apply in relation to the removal of qualifying Northern Ireland goods from Northern Ireland to Great Britain.
- (4) In subsection (3) “qualifying Northern Ireland goods” has the same meaning as it has in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, including any meaning defined for the purposes of that Act from time to time by regulations made under section 8C(6) of that Act (and, if those regulations provide for different meanings to be defined for different purposes of that Act, regulations under section 8C(6) may make provision about the meaning or meanings that are to apply for the purposes of this Act). 20 25

4 Advisory Board on Hunting Trophies

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint an Advisory Board on Hunting Trophies (“the Advisory Board”).
- (2) The Advisory Board appointed under subsection (1) may have up to three members. 30
- (3) The role of the Advisory Board is to advise the Secretary of State—
- (a) on any question relating to this Act which the Secretary of State may refer to the Committee;
 - (b) on any matter relating to the import to Great Britain of hunting trophies derived from species of animal which appear to the Secretary of State to be, or to be likely to become, endangered. 35
- (4) In appointing members of the Advisory Board, the Secretary of State must have regard to their expertise in matters relating to the import of hunting trophies.

5 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) Sections 1 and 2 come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint.
- (3) The other provisions of this Act come into force on the day on which this Act is passed. 5
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make transitional or saving provision in connection with the coming into force of sections 1 and 2.
- (5) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument. 10
- (6) This Act may be cited as the Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Act 2024.

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