L.N. 100 of 2019

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT
(CAP. 549)

Protection of Wild Rabbit (Amendment) Regulations, 2019

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change in conjunction with the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights and after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority, has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Protection of Wild Rabbit (Amendment) Regulations, 2019, and they shall be read and construed as one with the Protection of Wild Rabbit Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". S.L. 549.90.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. In the proviso to the definition "to train", in regulation 2 of the principal regulations, the words "any dog shall be on a leash at all times and" shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 4 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) paragraph (d) thereof, shall be substituted by the following:

"(d) unless he is carrying with him his legally valid identification document or any other recognized means of identification and the proper licence for the activity issued to him under these regulations or any other law:

Provided that where any such person is not carrying such documents with him, he shall be freed of any liability arising from such omission if within two (2) days he produces to the police such document at the place indicated to him by them.";

(b) paragraph (e) thereof, including its provisos, shall be deleted; and

(c) paragraph (f) thereof, shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 5 of the principal regulations.

4. Sub-regulation (6) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations, shall be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (d) thereof, the words "Schedule IV;" shall be substituted by the words "Schedule IV."; and

(b) paragraph (e) thereof, shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 7 of the principal regulations. S.L. 549.42.

5. Sub-regulation (4) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following: "(4) Without prejudice to the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, no person shall at any time keep or carry a firearm which is loaded, or with cartridges in its magazine, or out of its case, unless at the place where the shooting of wild rabbit is allowed.".

Substitutes Schedule II to the principal regulations.

6. Schedule II of the principal regulations, shall be substituted by the following new schedule:

"SCHEDULE II
Regulation 12
Administrative Fines

Regulation	Offence	Penalty
4(d)	Failure to produce the relevant licence/ identity documentation to the Police within two (2) days. Provided that this fine shall not apply in the absence of a valid general licence to hunt or to take wild rabbit, in which case the offender shall be charged before the Court of Magistrates.	€250
5(11)	Failure to declare every wild rabbit hunted or taken.	€50 per undeclared wild rabbit
7(2)	Use of unmuzzled ferrets during training or capturing of wild rabbit.	€100
7(7)	Possession of any firearm which has a magazine capable of holding more than two (2) rounds of ammunition at any time.	€250

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