

Cynulliad National Cenedlaethol Assembly for Cymru Wales

ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Prohibition of Keeping or Release of Live Fish (Specified Species) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2003

This amends the principal order as outlined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the explanatory note.

Standing Order 11.5

No points are identified for reporting under SO 11.5.

Observations

The amendments made to the 1998 order reflect amendments which are being made for England. Thus whilst the England order substitutes "the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs" for "the Minister", the present order substitutes "the National Assembly for Wales". This is consistent with the proposition that each jurisdiction can only legislate for its own territory. Given that there are only two articles in the principal order, however, (plus the Schedule which is being replaced anyway) it might have been better for an entirely new order to have been made for Wales. This would have avoided the difficulty of the 1998 order now having different texts in Wales and in England.

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