



**THE AGRICULTURAL PESTS DESTRUCTION  
REGULATIONS 1979**

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KEITH HOLYOAKE, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington this 9th day of July 1979

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Agricultural Pests Destruction Act 1967, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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**REGULATIONS**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Pests Destruction Regulations 1979.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

**2. Power to prohibit trapping, etc., of pests**—(1) The Board of any district may from time to time, by resolution publicly notified twice in 1 or more newspapers circulating in the district within the jurisdiction of the Board, prohibit within its district or any specified part thereof for a period not exceeding 6 months from a date to be specified in the notice, being a date not earlier than 7 days after the date of the first publication of the notice and not earlier than 1 day after the date of its second publication, all trapping, shooting, hunting, and poisoning of, or the laying of poison for,—

- (a) Rabbits and any other animal that is for the time being a pest of national importance; and
- (b) Any animal that is for the time being a pest of local importance in respect of the district.

(2) Nothing in subclause (1) of this regulation shall apply in respect of Crown land.

**3. Power to exempt**—The Board of any district may by resolution, and subject to such restrictions as to land and to such conditions as it thinks fit, grant exemption to any person from the operation of any prohibition imposed under regulation 2 of these regulations. Every such grant of exemption shall be communicated to the person exempted in writing under the hand of the Secretary to the Board.

**4. Destruction of pests near dwellings exempt**—Nothing in these regulations or in any prohibition under these regulations shall apply to any person who does any act within 100 metres of any dwelling-house; and every person who does any such act shall be deemed to have been granted an exemption from any such prohibition which in its terms applies to the act.

**5. Revocations**—The following regulations are hereby revoked:

- (a) The Rabbit Destruction Regulations 1962\*;
- (b) The Rabbit Destruction Regulations 1962, Amendment No. 2†;
- (c) The Rabbit Destruction Regulations 1962, Amendment No. 3‡.

P. G. MILLEN,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

\*S.R. 1962/146  
†S.R. 1966/219  
‡S.R. 1974/288

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations authorise Pest Destruction Boards to restrict the destruction of pests within their districts or any part thereof.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.