

Serial Number 1951/95

THE OPOSSUM REGULATIONS 1951

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 24th day of
April, 1951

Present :

THE HON. K. J. HOLYOAKE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Opossum Regulations 1951.
- (2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.
2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - “The said Act” means the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22 :
 - “Opossum” means any animal of the genus *trichosurus* or of any other genus of the family *phalangeridæ* (commonly known as Australian opossums), but does not include any animal of the species *didelphys* (commonly known as American opossums).
3. No person shall take or kill opossums by any means involving unnecessary cruelty.
4. Every person engaged in taking opossum by means of nooses or traps shall visit all such contrivances used by him for that purpose at least once daily.
5. No person shall liberate opossums in any part of New Zealand.
6. No person shall have live opossums in his possession without the prior consent in writing of the Secretary for Internal Affairs.
7. Any person who does or who attempts to do any act or thing prohibited by these regulations or who omits to do anything required of him hereby shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £10 in respect of every such offence.
8. (1) The regulations specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.
- (2) All matters and proceedings commenced under any of the regulations hereby revoked and pending or in progress at the commencement of these regulations may be continued, completed, and enforced under these regulations.

SCHEDULE
REGULATIONS REVOKED

Regulations.	Published in Statutory Regulations.	
	Year.	Serial Number.
The Opossum Regulations 1947	1947	55
The Opossum Regulations 1947, Amendment No. 1..	1949	56
The Opossum Regulations 1947, Amendment No. 2..	1950	48

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations consolidate with amendments the Opossum Regulations 1946 and the amendments of those regulations. The new provisions are as follows:—

- (a) Opossums may now be taken in any part of New Zealand by any means not involving unnecessary cruelty.
- (b) It is now an offence for any person to have live opossums in his possession without the prior consent in writing of the Secretary for Internal Affairs.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act, 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Internal Affairs.