



SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE

OF

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General Regulations under Part III of the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22, respecting Opossums.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 24th day of May, 1934.

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. G. W. FORBES PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon him by the Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921-22 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act"), and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the Opossum Regulations, 1930, made under Part III of the said Act, and doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the said Act, and doth hereby declare that the regulations hereby made shall have force and effect throughout New Zealand, subject to the said Act, and to any special regulations made thereunder in force in any acclimatization district.

REGULATIONS.

1. INTERPRETATION.

(1) In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—

"Authorized officer" means any person appointed by the Under-Secretary to be an authorized officer for any specified purpose under these regulations:

"Broker" includes any person whose business it is to act as a broker or dealer in respect of the purchase and sale of opossum-skins:

"License" means a license to take or kill opossums issued under these regulations; but does not include a broker's license:

"Licensed broker" means any person who has obtained a broker's license as hereinafter provided from the Under-Secretary:

"Minister" means the Minister of Internal Affairs:

"Occupier" includes the wife or husband of an occupier (as the case may be):

"Official mark" means any mark mentioned in these regulations or in any former regulations respecting opossums made under Part III of the said Act or under the Animals Protection Amendment Act, 1920, including a royalty-paid stamp:

"Opossum" means any animal of the genus *trichosurus* or of any other genus of the family *phalangeridae* (commonly known as Australian opossums); but does not include any animal of the species *didelphys* (commonly known as American opossum); and "opossum-skin" has a corresponding meaning:

"Skins" and "opossum-skins" include tanned skins, but do not include tanned or prepared skins *bona fide* used as a rug, coat, muff, or article of personal or domestic or household use or ornament:

"Under-Secretary" means the Under-Secretary of the Department of Internal Affairs.

(2) These regulations may be cited as the Opossum Regulations, 1934.

2. TAKING OF OPOSSUMS.

(1) Opossums may be taken or killed only in the following manner:—

(a) By means of a running noose fixed in such manner that the head of the animal will pass through the noose.

(b) By means of the trap known as the American jump-trap, with or without teeth, or by the box trap, or by the ordinary rabbit-trap, or trap of similar construction.

(c) All such traps for the taking of opossums must be placed on the ground while in use: Provided that traps may be set off the ground if provision is made whereby the trap when sprung and the opossum which it holds will fall to the ground immediately.

(2) Every person engaged in taking opossums shall visit all traps or other contrivances used for that purpose at least once daily.