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## WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT

### New conditions included in General Licences

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 additional conditions have been included in the General Licences issued by the Scottish Government Environment Dept for the taking of bird by use of cage and Larsen traps.

The new condition is reproduced as follows:

**15. Any type of cage trap used under this licence shall carry a tag or sign that gives the number of the local police station or wildlife crime officer for the area. The tag or sign shall carry a unique set of letters or numbers that allows the owner to be identified by the local police wildlife crime officer, and the operator shall give this code to the police in advance of use of traps. The operator may include other relevant material on the sign.**

Essentially, operators of such traps are now required to place a tag or sign on the traps which shows a Unique Reference Number (URN) and the number of their "local police station". These URNs will be issued to trap operators, mainly estates, by police forces in return for contact details of the landowner/factor and head keeper. A single point of contact has also been agreed for each Force in this respect.

Any person approaching the Force seeking a URN is advised to contact Dingwall Police Station on 01349 862444 where the staff in the front office will deal with the request and issue the caller with a URN and the contact number 01463 715555 to be placed on the tag/sign.

**Please note: Northern Constabulary do not provide tags or signs. Callers are advised to contact the Scottish Gamekeepers Association ([www.scottishgamekeepers.co.uk](http://www.scottishgamekeepers.co.uk) 01738 587515) or the British Association for Shooting & Conservation ([www.basc.org.uk](http://www.basc.org.uk) 01350 723 226) for advice.**

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