

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE**

**DECLARATION**

**UNDER REGULATION 3(1) (A) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (WILDLIFE ACT 1976) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986 (S.I. No. 254 of 1986)**

**AND**

**REGULATION 55 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011)**

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage being of the opinion that the species referred to in the First Schedule to this declaration represent a threat to air safety and being satisfied that no other satisfactory solution exists, hereby declares pursuant to regulation 3(1)(a) of the European Communities (Wildlife Act 1976) (Amendment) Regulations 1986 (S.I. No. 254 of 1986) as adapted and Regulation 55 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) that the said species may be captured or killed or captured and killed or otherwise interfered with by any of the means, arrangements or methods set out in the Second Schedule during the period beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2021 and ending on 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022 throughout the State by the owner or occupier of any property or the agent of the owner or occupier of any property on which a threat to air safety is represented by such species.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

BLACK-HEADED GULL <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	GOLDEN PLOVER <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
COMMON GULL <i>Larus canus</i>	HOODED (GREY) CROW <i>Corvus corone</i>
HERRING GULL <i>Larus argentatus</i>	WOOD PIGEON <i>Columba palumbus</i>
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL <i>Larus fuscus</i>	FERAL PIGEON <i>Columba livia</i>
GREATER BLACK-BACKED GULL <i>Larus marinus</i>	COLLARED DOVE <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
ROOK <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	In the case of the COMMON BUZZARD <i>Buteo buteo</i> the Declaration applies to Cork Airport, Dublin Airport and Casement Aerodrome only
JACKDAW <i>Corvus monedula</i>	In the case of the EURASIAN CURLEW <i>Numenius arquata</i> the Declaration applies to Dublin Airport only
MAGPIE <i>Pica pica</i>	In the case of the BARN SWALLOW <i>Hirundo rustica</i> the Declaration applies to Shannon Airport only
STARLING <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	In the case of the GREY HERON <i>Ardea cinerea</i> the Declaration applies to Shannon Airport only
LAPWING <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	In the case of the MUTE SWAN <i>Cygnus olor</i> and WHOOPER SWAN <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> the Declaration applies to Shannon Airport only

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

Shooting with rifle or shotgun

Cage traps with or without live decoys.

Traps, snares or nets approved under the [Wildlife Act, 1976](#) (Approved Traps, Snares and Nets) Regulations, 1977 ([S.I. No. 307 of 1977](#)).

GIVEN under my Official Seal

30<sup>th</sup> Albrecht 2021



Minister for Housing, Local  
Government and Heritage

**Note:** Where a live wild bird is used as a decoy in a cage trap it is necessary to ensure that the live decoy bird may only be used to hunt birds of the same species and that the live decoy bird must be regularly provided with ample food and water and that when caged must only be kept in a cage which is of sufficient dimensions to enable the bird to move and exercise freely.