ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION PETITION

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL LICENCE CONDITIONS (THE WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981)

A significant number of racing pigeons are lost (killed or maimed) by raptors annually. Sparrowhawks (accipiter nisus) and peregrine falcons (falco peregrinus) are a serious threat to the sport of pigeon racing and their numbers must be controlled, especially around lofts.

The General Licence to kill or take certain wild birds to prevent serious damage or disease (WML/GEN 05) (serious damage to live stock) should include sparrowhawks (accipiter nisus) and peregrine falcons (falco peregrinus) amongst the list of wild birds that can be killed or taken to prevent serious and irreversible harm to the sport of pigeon racing.

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