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STRATHCLYDE  
POLICE

9 November 2012

Your Ref:

CHIEF CONSTABLE  
Campbell Corrigan

Our Ref:

Chief Constables  
All Scottish Forces

Police Headquarters  
173 Pitt Street  
GLASGOW  
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Dear Chief Constable

**The Snares (Identification Numbers and Tags) (Scotland) Order 2012**

In response to a previous commitment, the Scottish Government, have provided legislation relating to the setting of snares within Scotland, with particular regard to training of persons operating snares, issue and registration of Snaring Identification Numbers, and maintenance of identification tags. This legislation is contained within Section 13 of The Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011.

The ACPOS Wildlife Crime Portfolio undertook responsibility for planning and implementing the police response to this legislation nationally and previous agreement was provided through the Crime Business Area Forum for the Chief Constable of Strathclyde to grant all applicants a Snaring Identification Number, whilst also hosting a Central Registry for recording and issuing Snaring Identification Numbers. This proposal was initially supported by Scottish Government in respect of legislative requirements and was identified to best meet the police response, particularly in view of the Police Reform programme.

Notification was recently received from Scottish Government that the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police cannot legally grant Snaring Identification Numbers on a national basis due to the legislation stating "... that applications are made to the Chief Constable for a particular area, and for that Chief Constable to be satisfied as to training and for the issuing of identification numbers by that Chief Constable...".

It has been further confirmed that this legislation will come into effect from 1 April 2013; however applicants will be able to apply for a Snaring Identification Number from 22 November 2012, which will entail applicants attending at a

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local Police Office with appropriate documentation and fee. Strathclyde Police has agreed to manage the Central Registry and will issue notification to all applicants of their Snaring Identification Number, however this will require agreement and authorisation for staff to use current Force headed paper and the electronic signature of all Chief Constable's.

In addition a Snaring Identification Number application form has been prepared which will require to be completed by all applicants. This application form will be available from all approved Snaring training bodies, however should also be available from local police offices, including on-line, where available.

To ensure that Police Officers and Members of Support Staff are aware of their responsibilities and legal requirements in respect of Snaring Identification Number applications and use a training presentation has been developed. This presentation is designed to be delivered individually to staff via Force intranet systems.

As timescales are short before applicants can start to apply for Snaring Identification Numbers, it is respectfully requested that each Chief Constable:

- Authorises the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police to put in place a process to issue Snaring Identification Numbers on their behalf
- Authorises the Central Police Registry at Strathclyde Police to use their electronic signature and Force Headed paper to issue Snaring Identification Numbers for applicants within their existing Force Area.
- Authorise the enclosed Snaring Identification Number Application Form to be available from local police offices and on-line (where available)
- Authorise the enclosed training presentation to be delivered to all Police Officers and Members of Support staff to provide them with awareness of their responsibilities in respect of this legislation.

To ensure the Central Police Registry is in a position to respond to applications, it is requested that when the foregoing is authorised notification is provided to  
Wildlife Crime Coordinator,

Yours sincerely



Russell Dunn  
Assistant Chief Constable  
Crime & Safer Communities

Encl.  
Snaring Identification Number Application Form  
Snaring Presentation