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Non-Indigenous Animals Amendment (Category 2 Animals) Regulation 2001

under the

Non-Indigenous Animals Act 1987

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Non-Indigenous Animals Act 1987*.

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Minister for Agriculture

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to classify the Chinese softshell-turtle as a category 2 animal for the purposes of the *Non-Indigenous Animals Act 1987*. At present the Chinese softshell-turtle falls within category 1b, which consists of any non-indigenous species of animal that is not otherwise classified under the *Non-Indigenous Animals Regulation 1997*. Category 1b animals are higher risk category animals and are generally not permitted to be brought into Australia or to be kept in Australia. Category 2 animals are animals of high pest potential or significant conservation value. They are still considered to be higher risk category animals for the purposes of the Act, and it is an offence to import them into, or keep them, in New South Wales. However, certain exceptions apply to category 2 animals. For instance, as a result of the Chinese softshell-turtle being classified as a category 2 animal by this Regulation, a person who holds an authority that enables the person to exhibit a Chinese softshell-turtle under the *Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986* will be able to import and exhibit the animal.

This Regulation is made under the *Non-Indigenous Animals Act 1987*, including section 6 (d) and section 29 (the general regulation-making power).

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Clause 1

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the Non-Indigenous Animals Amendment (Category 2 Animals) Regulation 2001.

2 Amendment of Non-Indigenous Animals Regulation 1997

The Non-Indigenous Animals Regulation 1997 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

3 Notes

The explanatory note does not form part of this Regulation.

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Amendment

Schedule 1

Schedule 1 Amendment

(Clause 2)

Schedule 1 Classification of non-indigenous animals

Insert in columns 1, 2 and 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1, after the matter relating to *Apalone ferox* (Florida Softshell-turtle):

Pelodiscus sinensis Chinese Softshell-turtle 2

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