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CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN 1957 LIMITS ON MIGRATORY GAME BIRD IMPORTATIONS

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Leffler today urged American sportsmen who are planning to hunt migratory game birds this fall in Canada to familiarize themselves with the new import limits on these birds.

The changes in these limits for 1957 are included in a series of miscellaneous amendments to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act regulations which were approved recently by Acting Secretary of the Interior Hatfield Chilson.

As the result of the adoption in July by the Canadian Government of more restrictive export limits on migratory game birds, the Department of the Interior has modified the United States regulations this year so that import limits on ducks and geese will conform to Canada's export limits.

Effective during the 1957 hunting season, a seasonal import limit of 25 ducks and 10 geese taken by American hunters in Canada can be shipped from the Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. For the remaining Provinces and Territories of Canada, imports will be limited to 16 ducks and 10 geese, per calendar week beginning on Sunday.

The present limitation of 10 ducks and 5 geese per person per calendar week will remain in effect on importations from foreign countries other than Canada.

For species of migratory game birds other than ducks and geese, the numbers by species which may be imported this year by any one person during a calendar week are also included in the changed rules.

Under the amended regulation (Section 6.7), the numbers of migratory game birds permitted to be entered and transported by one person, either in a single shipment or by multiple shipments, are limited as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>Not to exceed</u>
Province of Alberta, Canada	25 ducks and 10 geese per season
Province of British Columbia, Canada	Do.
Province of Manitoba, Canada	Do.
Province of Saskatchewan, Canada	Do.
Any other Province or Territory of Canada	16 ducks and 10 geese per calendar week (beginning Sunday)
Mexico or any other foreign country (except Canada) or subdivision thereof	10 ducks and 5 geese per calendar week

Any foreign country or subdivision thereof:

Band-tailed pigeons	6 per calendar week
Brant	6 Do.
Coots	25 Do.
Doves; mourning or white-winged	25, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, per calendar week
Rails (except sora) and gallinules	30, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, per calendar week
Sora	25 per calendar week
Wilson's snipe	8 Do.
Woodcock	8 Do.

Other requirements which the American hunter must observe when bringing his birds into the United States remain the same as last year and are listed below:

Shipments from Canada must be accompanied by tags or permits if required by Provincial or Dominion law. Those transported from Mexico must be dressed, drawn, and have the head and feet removed. On waterfowl transported from Canada, the head and feet do not necessarily have to stay on the birds. Birds exported from Mexico require a Mexican export permit, or an endorsement on the license by a Mexican game official granting permission to export the birds, or exhibition of the hunting license on which the official seal of the issuing office has been impressed or endorsed.

A shipment made not later than five days after the close of the season in Canada, Mexico or other foreign country may continue in transit for not over five additional days to permit delivery at destination.

The Federal regulations do not authorize importation or possession of such birds contrary to State laws.

Packages or containers must be marked with the name and address of the shipper and consignee with an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds clearly and conspicuously shown on the outside.

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