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LIMITS ANNOUNCED ON GAME BIRD IMPORTATIONS

American sportsmen planning trips to Canada or Mexico this fall to hunt ducks, geese, and other migratory game birds must comply with certain requirements when bringing such birds into the United States, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay said today.

Migratory game birds brought or shipped from Canada, if dressed, must have the head, head plumage, and feet attached. 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. Such 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.

The following numbers of migratory game birds lawfully taken during the open season in Canada or Mexico, and exported in compliance with the laws of those countries, may be entered into the United States during any one calendar week:

Ducks--10 of any species. Geese (except Ross's Goose)--5 of any species. Brant--6. Coots--25. Woodcock--8. Jacksnipe--8. Bandtailed pigeons--6. Doves (mourning and white-winged)--15, provided that not more than 10 are mourning doves. Rails and Gallinules (except Sora)--20, singly or in the aggregate. Sora 25.

·A shipment made not later than five days after the close of the Canadian or Mexican season 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 must be marked with name and address of 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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