



2011 CHAPTER 21

Introductory

High hedge

2.—(1) In this Act “high hedge” means so much of a barrier to light as—

(a) is formed wholly or predominantly by a line of two or more evergreens; and

(b) rises to a height of more than two metres above ground level.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) a line of evergreens is not to be regarded as forming a barrier to light if the existence of gaps significantly affects its overall effect as such a barrier at heights of more than two metres above ground level.

(3) In this section “evergreen” means an evergreen tree or shrub or a semi-evergreen tree or shrub.

(4) But nothing in this Act applies to trees which are growing on land of 0.2 hectares or more in area which is forest or woodland.

Commencement Information

II S. 2 in operation at 31.3.2012 by [S.R. 2012/20](#), [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the High Hedges Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 2.