



Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

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The Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948

2 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 50(1)(a) of the Agriculture...

The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953

3 (1) At the end of subsection (2) of section 1...

The Deer Act 1963

4 For subsection (3) of section 10 of the Deer Act...

5 (1) After section 10 of that Act there shall be...

6 (1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to that Act...

The Conservation of Seals Act 1970

7 (1) In subsection (1)(c) of section 10 of the Conservation...

The Badgers Act 1973

8 For subsections (2) and (3) of section 1 of the...

9 (1) Section 7 of that Act (exceptions for authorised persons)...

10 (1) In section 8 of that Act (general exceptions), after...

11 (1) In subsection (1)(c) of section 10 of that Act...

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1 (1) After subsection (3) of section 1 of the 1976...

Expenses of returning animals and plants to the wild

2 After subsection (8) of section 1 of the 1976 Act...

Powers of entry

- 3 After the subsection inserted by paragraph 2 as subsection (9)...

Power to modify Schedules

- 4 (1) In paragraph (c) of section 3 of the 1976...

Sale of certain animals or plants or their derivatives

- 5 (1) In subsection (1) of section 4 of the 1976...

Supplemental

- 6 In section 13(2) of the 1976 Act (substitution in Northern...
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Coming into operation

- 1 (1) An original order or a restrictive amending order shall...

Publicity for orders

- 2 (1) Where an order takes effect immediately, the authority making...

Unopposed orders

- 3 (1) Where an order made by a relevant authority takes...

Opposed orders

- 4 (1) If any representation or objection duly made with respect...

Restriction on power to amend orders or confirm them with modifications

- 5 The Secretary of State shall not by virtue of paragraph...

Notice of final decision on orders

- 6 (1) The Secretary of State shall as soon as practicable...

Proceedings for questioning validity of orders

- 7 (1) This paragraph applies to any order which has taken...

Interpretation

- 8 In this Schedule— "amending order" and "revoking order" mean an...

SCHEDULE 12 — Procedure in Connection With Orders Under Section 36

Consultation

- 1 Before making an order, the Secretary of State shall consult...

Publicity for draft orders

- 2 (1) Before making an order, the Secretary of State shall...

Unopposed orders

- 3 If no representations or objections are duly made, or if...

Opposed orders

- 4 (1) If any representation or objection duly made is not...

Restriction on power to make orders with modifications

- 5 (1) The Secretary of State shall not make an order...

Local inquiries

- 6 (1) The provisions of subsections (2) to (5) of section...

Notice of making of orders

- 7 (1) As soon as practicable after an order is made,...

Proceedings for questioning validity of orders

- 8 (1) If any person is aggrieved by an order which...

Supplemental

- 9 (1) In this Schedule— " area " includes district; "...

SCHEDULE 13 — Provisions With Respect to the Countryside Commission*Status*

- 1 The Commission shall be a body corporate.
2 The Commission shall not be regarded as the servant or...

Members

- 3 (1) The Commission shall consist of a chairman and such...
4 (1) The Commission— (a) shall pay to their members such...

Committee for Wales

- 5 (1) The Commission shall, after consultation with the Secretary of...

Procedure

- 6 The procedure (including the quorum) of the Commission shall be...
7 The validity of any proceeding of the Commission shall not...

Staff

- 8 (1) The Commission shall appoint— (a) with the approval of...
9 (1) The Commission shall in the case of such of...
10 (1) Employment with the Commission shall be included among the...

Accounts and report

- 11 (1) The Commission shall keep proper accounts and other records, ...
12 The Commission shall furnish the Secretary of State with such ...
13 (1) The Commission shall, as soon as possible after the ...

Land

- 14 The Commission, for the purpose of providing themselves with office ...
15 Any land occupied by the Commission shall, for the purpose ...

Interpretation

- 16 In this Schedule— " appointed day " means the day ...

SCHEDULE 14 — Applications for Certain Orders Under Part III

Form of applications

- 1 An application shall be made in the prescribed form and ...

Notice of applications

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the applicant shall serve a ...

Determination by authority

- 3 (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after receiving a certificate ...

Appeal against a decision not to make an order

- 4 (1) Where the authority decide not to make an order, ...

Interpretation

- 5 (1) In this Schedule— " application " means an application ...

SCHEDULE 15 — Procedure in Connection with Certain Orders Under Part III

Consultation

- 1 Before making an order, the authority shall consult with every ...

Coming into operation

- 2 An order shall not take effect until confirmed either by ...

Publicity for orders

- 3 (1) On making an order, the authority shall give notice ...

Representations or objections made with respect to abandoned surveys or reviews

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where a survey begun under sections ...

Severance of orders

- 5 (1) Where at any time representations or objections duly made ...

Unopposed orders

- 6 (1) If no representations or objections are duly made, or...

Opposed orders

- 7 (1) If any representation or objection duly made is not...

Restriction on power to confirm orders with modifications

- 8 (1) The Secretary of State shall not confirm an order...

Local inquiries

- 9 —The provisions of subsections (2) to (5) of section 250...

Appointment of inspectors etc.

- 10 (1) A decision of the Secretary of State under paragraph...

Notice of final decisions on orders

- 11 (1) As soon as practicable after a decision to confirm...

Proceedings for questioning validity of orders

- 12 (1) If any person is aggrieved by an order which...

Supplemental

- 13 (1) The Secretary of State may, subject to the provisions...

SCHEDULE 16 — Orders Creating, Extinguishing or Diverting Footpaths or
Bridleways

The Town and Country Planning Act 1971

- 1 (1) In sub-paragraph (1)(b) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 20...
2 After paragraph 3 of that Schedule there shall be inserted...
3 (1) In paragraph 6 of that Schedule—
4 After that paragraph there shall be inserted the following paragraph—...

The Highways Act 1980

- 5 (1) In subsection (1) of section 119 of the Highways...
6 (1) In sub-paragraphs (1)(b) and 2(b) of paragraph 1 of...
7 After paragraph 2 of that Schedule there shall be inserted...
8 (1) In paragraph 4 of that Schedule after the words...
9 After that paragraph there shall be inserted the following paragraph—...

Supplemental

- 10 (1) The amendments made by the foregoing provisions of this...

SCHEDULE 17 — Enactments Repealed

PART I — ENACTMENTS REPEALED ONE MONTH AFTER THE PASSING OF
THIS ACT

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