



Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 69

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

74 Short title commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
 - (2) The following provisions of this Act, namely—
 - Part II, except sections 29 to 32, 41 and 46 to 48 and Schedule 13;
 - sections 59 to 62 and 65 and 66; and
 - Part IV, except section 72(4), (6) and (14) and section 73(1) so far as relating to Part II of Schedule 17,shall come into force on the expiration of the period of one month beginning with the passing of this Act.
 - (3) The remaining provisions of this Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint and different days may be appointed under this subsection for different provisions, different purposes or different areas.
 - (4) An order under subsection (3) may make such transitional provision as appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in connection with the provisions thereby brought into force.
 - (5) The following provisions of this Act, namely—
 - sections 39, 40 and 42 to 49 and Schedule 13; and Part III, do not extend to Scotland.
- [^{F1}(5A) [^{F2}Sections 29 and 30 extend to Scotland only.]]
- (6) This Act, except section 15(1) and Schedule 10 and, so far as regards any enactment mentioned in Schedule 17 that so extends, section 73 and that Schedule, does not extend to Northern Ireland.

Changes to legislation: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 74 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 74(5A) inserted (E.W.S.) (30.1.2001) by 2000 c. 37, ss. 76(1), 103(2), **Sch. 10 Pt. I para. 2**
- F2** S. 74(5A) repealed (S.) (29.11.2004) by Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 6), ss. 57, 59, **Sch. 7 para. 4; S.S.I. 2004/495, art. 2**
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Power of appointment conferred by s. 74(3) fully exercised: **S.I. 1982/3237**, 990, 1136, 1217, 1983/20, 87

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 53(3)(c)(ia) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 53B(4A)(4B) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 4](#)
- s. 53ZA inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 3](#)
- s. 54B54C inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 13A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 6](#)
- Sch. 14A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 7](#)