



Environmental Protection Act 1990

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990

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22 In paragraph 7 of section 39(1) of the Superannuation Act...

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Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13)

- 23 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments...)

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)

- 24 In Part III of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (c. 51)

- 25 In Schedule 3 to the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (gifts...)

SCHEDULE 7 —

Preliminary

- 1 In this Schedule— “chairman” means (except in paragraph 2(1) below)...

Membership

- 2 (1) The committee shall consist of eleven voting members, namely—...
3 The chairman and the three members appointed by the Secretary...
4 (1) The three members appointed by the Secretary of State...

Remuneration and allowances for members

- 5 (1) The committee shall— (a) pay to the chairman such...
6 The committee shall pay to the three members appointed by...

Staff etc. and expenses

- 7 (1) The councils shall provide the committee with

Proceedings

- 8 (1) The committee may regulate their own procedure (including making...

Delegation of functions

- 9 (1) Anything authorised or required to be done by the...

Annual reports

- 10 (1) The committee shall— (a) as soon as possible after...

SCHEDULE 8 — Amendment of Enactments relating to Countryside Matters

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (c. 97)

- 1 (1) The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act...

The Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41)

- 2 (1) The Countryside Act 1968 shall be amended as follows....

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Local Government Act 1972 (c.70)

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Local Government Act 1974 (c.7)

4 ... in section 9 of that Act (grants...

Highways Act 1980 (c. 66)

5 (1) The Highways Act 1980 shall be amended as follows....

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69)

6 (1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 shall be amended...

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c.27)

7 In section 22 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984...

The Water Act 1989 (c. 15)

8

SCHEDULE 9 — Amendment of Enactments conferring Nature Conservancy Functions

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (c. 97)

1 (1) The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act...

Deer (Scotland) Act 1959 (c. 40)

2

Deer Act 1963 (c. 36)

3

Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41)

4 (1) The Countryside Act 1968 shall be amended as follows....

Conservation of Seals Act 1970 (c. 30)

5 In section 10 of the Conservation of Seals Act 1970...

Badgers Act 1973 (c. 57)

6

Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 35)

7

Import of Live Fish (England and Wales) Act 1980 (c. 27)

8 In section 1 of the Import of Live Fish (England...

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Highways Act 1980 (c. 66)

9 In section 105A of the Highways Act 1980 (environmental assessment...

Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22)

10 (1) The Animal Health Act 1981 shall be amended as...

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69)

11 (1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 shall be amended...

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54)

12

Agriculture Act 1986 (c. 49)

13 In section 18 of the Agriculture Act 1986 (environmentally sensitive...

Channel Tunnel Act 1987 (c. 53)

14 In paragraph 5 of Schedule 2, and in paragraph 17...

Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4)

15 In the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988, for each...

Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29)

16 In Schedule 9 to the Electricity Act 1989 (preservation of...

Water Act 1989 (c. 15)

17

SCHEDULE 10 —

Part I — TRANSFER SCHEMES: NATURE CONSERVANCY COUNCIL

Making and approval of schemes

1 (1) Before such date or dates as the Secretary of...

Modification of schemes

2 (1) If at any time after a transfer scheme has...

Provision of information to Secretary of State

3 It shall be the duty of the Nature Conservancy Council...

Contents of schemes

4 A transfer scheme may— (a) define the property, rights and...

5 For the avoidance of doubt property, rights and liabilities of...

Part II — TRANSFER SCHEMES: THE COUNTRYSIDE COMMISSION

Making and approval of schemes

6 (1) Before such date or dates as the Secretary of...

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Modification of schemes

- 7 (1) If at any time after a transfer scheme has...

Provision of information to Secretary of State

- 8 It shall be the duty of the Countryside Council for...

Contents of schemes

- 9 (1) A transfer scheme may— (a) define the property, rights...

Part III — EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF OF EXISTING BODIES

Proposals for staff of Nature Conservancy Council

- 10 Not later than such date or dates as the Secretary...
11 (1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the...

Proposals for certain staff of the Countryside Commission

- 12 Not later than such date or dates as the Secretary...
13 (1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the...

Offers of employment

- 14 (1) Each new Council shall, before such date as the...

Continuity of employment, redundancy etc.

- 15 Where a person becomes an employee of a new Council...
16 Where an offer is made to a person in pursuance...

Disputes

- 17 (1) Any dispute as to whether an offer under paragraph...

SCHEDULE 11 — Transitional Provisions and Savings for Part VII Part I — COUNTRYSIDE FUNCTIONS

Preliminary

- 1 In this Part of this Schedule— “the appointed day” means...

Continuity of exercise of functions

- 2 (1) Any relevant thing done by or in relation to...

Construction of references to the Countryside Commission

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to any provision of any agreement,...
4 (1) This paragraph applies to any provision of a local...

Existing areas of outstanding natural beauty and long distance routes

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies to— (a) any area of land...
Part II — NATURE CONSERVATION FUNCTIONS

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Preliminary

- 6 In this Part of this Schedule— “appointed day” means the...
- 7 (1) In this Part of this Schedule a reference to...

Continuity of exercise of functions

- 8 (1) Anything done (or deemed by any enactment to have...

Construction of references to the Nature Conservancy Council

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies to any agreement, any instrument and...
- 10 (1) This paragraph applies to any provision of a local...

Pensions for Nature Conservancy Council staff

- 11 (1) The repeal by this Act of paragraph 12 of...

Existing nature reserves and areas of special scientific interest

- 12 (1) This paragraph applies to any land which, immediately before...

Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY

- 13 Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 12 above...
- 14 The Secretary of State may, in relation to any particular...
- 15 In this Schedule “the 1949 Act” means the National Parks...

SCHEDULE 12 — Injurious or Hazardous Substances: Advisory Committee

- 1 The Secretary of State shall appoint the members of the...
- 2 The committee shall include persons who appear to the Secretary...
- 3 The Secretary of State may make provision by regulations with...
- 4 The Secretary of State shall provide the committee with such...
- 5 The Secretary of State may pay to the members of...

SCHEDULE 13 — Amendments of Hazardous Substances Legislation

Part I — ENGLAND AND WALES

- 1 The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 shall be amended as...
- 2 (1) Section 2 (appropriate Minister to be hazardous substances authority...
- 3 In section 7(1)(a) (applications for consent), after the word “applications”...
- 4 In section 11 (deemed hazardous substances consent in transitional cases)—...
- 5 In section 12 (deemed consent: government authorisation), at the end...
- 6 In section 13 (applications for hazardous substances consent in place...
- 7 In section 22 (validity of decisions as to applications), in...
- 8 In section 25(1)(c) (provisions of principal Act capable of application...
- 9 Before section 27 there shall be inserted the following section—...
- 10 In section 303(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act...

Part II — SCOTLAND

- 11
- 12
- 13

SCHEDULE 14 — Amendments of the Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971

- 1 The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 shall be amended...

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- 2 In section 19 (prosecutions), after subsection (4), there shall be...
 3 After that section there shall be inserted the following section—...
 4 In section 20(1) (power of court to direct amount of...
 5 In section 24(2) (application of Act to Government ships), for...
 6 In section 25(1) (power to extend provisions of Act to...
 7 In section 30 (provisions as to Northern Ireland), after subsection...

SCHEDULE 15 — Consequential and Minor Amendments of Enactments

1

Exclusion of Alkali Works Act for prescribed processes

- 2 In the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act 1906 there shall...

Stray dogs

- 3 (1) The following provisions of the Dogs Act 1906 shall...

Statutory nuisances

- 4 (1) The following provisions of the Public Health Act 1936...
 5 (1) Section 151 of the Mines and Quarries Act 1954...

Exclusion of Clean Air Act 1956 for prescribed processes

6

Statutory nuisances

- 7
 8
 9 In section 1(1)(g) of the Hovercraft Act 1986 (power to...

Goods vehicle operators' licences: pollution offences

- 10 (1) The following provisions of of the Transport Act 1968...

National Park Wardens

- 11 In section 42 of the Countryside Act 1968 (National Park...

Exclusion of Clean Air Act 1968 for prescribed processes

12

Sale of electricity: Scotland

- 13 In section 170A(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973...

Workplace emissions into the air

- 14 Section 5 of the Health and Safety at Work etc....

Water, noise and atmospheric pollution

- 15 (1) The following provisions of the Control of Pollution Act...
 16

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Exclusion of Part II of Control of Pollution Act 1974 for radioactive substances: Scotland

17 For subsection (6) of section 56 of the Control of...

Statutory nuisances

18

Refuse Disposal: Scotland

19 (1) Section 1 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978...

Street cleansing: Scotland

20 In section 25 of the Local Government and Planning (Scotland)...

Byelaws relating to straw or stubble burning

21 Section 43 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (creation by...

Functions assignable to London port health authority

22 In section 7(4) of the Public Health (Control of Disease)...

Street cleaning, etc: restriction of traffic

23

Statutory nuisance

24 In section 76(1)(b) and (4)(a) of the Building Act 1984,...

Registers of deposits etc. at sea: Northern Ireland Assembly control of regulations

25 In section 25(3) of the Food and Environment Protection Act...

Constitution of authorities for waste disposal

26 In section 10 of the Local Government Act 1985 (joint...

Meaning of household waste: competition

27 In Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 1988 (competition:...

*Exclusion of Water Act 1989 controls of exercise of
trade effluent functions in case of prescribed processes*

28

Exclusion of Part III of Water Act 1989 for discharges from prescribed processes

29

Contents of registers of National Rivers Authority

30

Carriers of controlled waste

31 (1) The Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 shall be...

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SCHEDULE 16 — Repeals

Part I — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO PROCESSES

Note: The repeal of the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act...

Part II — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO WASTE ON LAND

Part III — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO STATUTORY NUISANCES

Part IV — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO LITTER

Part V — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

Part VI — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO NATURE CONSERVATION AND
COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

Part VII — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Part VIII — ENACTMENTS RELATING TO DEPOSITS AT SEA

Part IX — MISCELLANEOUS ENACTMENTS

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- s. 33ZA(12) words omitted by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(3\)](#)
- s. 33ZB(10) words substituted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 34ZB(8) words substituted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 47(3) words inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(6\)](#)
- s. 78YB(2) words inserted by [2003 c. 37 s. 86\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 78YB(2) fell when s. 78YB(1) was substituted for s. 78YB(1)-(2C) on 6.4.2012)
- s. 82(2) restricted by [S.I. 2020/1297 art. 53\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2020/1297 was withdrawn following a request from the Department of Transport dated 9th August 2021 which followed the decision of the High Court of Justice to quash this Order in the judgement dated 2nd August 2021 (High Court of Justice — Planning Court — The Queen (on the application of Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site) v. Secretary of State for Transport — Case No. CO/4844/2020))
- s. 82(2) restricted by [S.I. 2021/51 art. 43\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2021/51 removed from the website by request from the Department of Transport dated 12th July 2021 which followed the decision of the High Court of Justice to quash these Regulations in the judgement dated 8th July 2021 (High Court of Justice — Planning Court — The Queen (on the application of Mair Bain) v. Secretary of State for Transport — Case No. CO/642/2021).)
- s. 124(1) words inserted by [2023 c. 6 s. 41\(3\)](#)
- s. 160A(2) words inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(7\)](#)
- s. 161(1) words substituted by [2016 anaw 3 s. 69\(2\)](#)
- s. 161(2A) words substituted by [2016 anaw 3 s. 69\(3\)](#)

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. 30(4A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(2\)](#)
- s. 33ZB(10A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 34ZB(8A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 45A-45AZG substituted for s. 45A by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(4\)](#)
- s. 46(2)(a)(b) substituted for words by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(5\)](#)
- s. 106A inserted by [2023 c. 6 s. 41\(2\)](#)
- s. 161(2AA)(2AB) inserted by [2016 anaw 3 s. 69\(4\)](#)