



Clean Air Act 1993

CHAPTER 11

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- 2 For the purposes of this Schedule, an appliance is unsuitable...
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- 4 (1) The Secretary of State may, out of money provided...

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Part I — RELATION OF THIS ACT TO ALKALI, &C. WORKS REGULATION ACT 1906

- 1 (1) In this Part of this Schedule— “ the Alkali...
 - 2 Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, Parts I to III...
 - 3 If, on the application of the local authority, the Secretary...
 - 4 While, by virtue of an order under paragraph 3 above,...
 - 5 Any order made under paragraph 3 may be varied or...
 - 6 Nothing in section 55 shall be taken as extending to...
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- 7 In section 31(4)— (a) in paragraph (a), after “1990” there...
 - 8 In section 33(1), after “1990” there is inserted “ or...
 - 9 In section 35(3), after “1990” there is inserted “ or...
 - 10 In section 36, after subsection (3) there is inserted—
 - 11 At the end of section 40 there is inserted— “...

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- 1 Section 80(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc....

The Control of Pollution Act 1974 (c. 40)

- 2 In section 96(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974...

The Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (c. 22)

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

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43)

- 4 In section 79(7) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990—

The Atomic Weapons Establishment Act 1991 (c. 46)

- 5 In the Schedule to the Atomic Weapons Establishment Act 1991...

The Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (c. 12)

- 6 In Schedule 3 to the Radioactive Substances Act 1993—

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Continuity of the law

- 1 The substitution of this Act for the enactments repealed by...
- 2 Any reference, whether express or implied, in this Act or...
- 3 Any document made, served or issued after the commencement of...
- 4 Paragraphs 2 and 3 have effect without prejudice to the...

General saving for old transitional provisions and savings

- 5 (1) The repeal by this Act of a transitional provision...
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- 7 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, section 14 (height of...

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- 8 (1) In relation to any smoke control order made by...
- 9 The provisions of Part III of this Schedule (which are...

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- 10 Subsections (2) to (4) of section 42 (colliery spoilbanks) shall...
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- 16 Section 250(2) to (5) of the Local Government Act 1972...
- 17 Subject to paragraphs 18 and 19, an order when confirmed...
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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 20(6) omitted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 12 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 21(5) omitted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 12 para. 11\(3\)](#)

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. 16(4A)(4B) inserted by [S.I. 2023/908 reg. 16](#)
- s. 20(5D)-(5F) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 12 para. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 21(4A)-(4D) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 12 para. 11\(2\)](#)