

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 6

WILDLIFE OFFENCES: TIME LIMITS FOR PROCEEDINGS

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69)

- 3 (1) Amend section 20 (summary prosecutions) as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2), for “Summary proceedings for an offence under this Part” substitute “ Proceedings for a summary offence under this Part ”.
- (3) In the heading, for “Summary prosecutions” substitute “ Proceedings for summary offences ”.

Commencement Information

11 Sch. 6 para. 3 in force at 31.5.2006 by S.I. 2006/1382, art. 2

- 4 After section 51 insert—

“51A Summary prosecutions

- (1) Proceedings in England and Wales for a summary offence under this Part may be brought within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to his knowledge.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not authorise the commencement of proceedings for an offence more than 2 years after the date on which the offence was committed.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a certificate signed by or on behalf of the prosecutor and stating the date on which evidence sufficient in his opinion to warrant the proceedings came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.
- (4) A certificate stating that matter and purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.”

Commencement Information

12 Sch. 6 para. 4 in force at 31.5.2006 by S.I. 2006/1382, art. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Cross Heading: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69).