

## Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

**2006 CHAPTER 16** 

## PART 1

NATURAL ENGLAND AND THE COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Powers of Secretary of State

## 16 Directions

- (1) The Secretary of State may give Natural England general or specific directions as to the exercise of its functions.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to functions of Natural England that are exercisable through the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish any directions given under this section as soon as is reasonably practicable after giving the directions.
- (4) The power to give directions under this section includes power to vary or revoke the directions.
- (5) Natural England must comply with any directions given under this section.