



# Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 16

### PART 2

#### NATURE CONSERVATION IN THE UK

##### *Coordinated functions*

#### **34 Functions of national or international significance**

- (1) The UK conservation bodies have the functions described in subsection (2), but those functions may be discharged only through the joint committee.
- (2) The functions are—
  - (a) providing advice to the appropriate authorities on the development and implementation of policies for or affecting any nature conservation matter which—
    - (i) arises throughout the United Kingdom and raises issues common to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland,
    - (ii) arises in one or more (but not all) of those places and affects the interests of the United Kingdom as a whole, or
    - (iii) arises outside the United Kingdom;
  - (b) providing advice to any persons and disseminating knowledge about any matter falling within paragraph (a)(i), (ii) or (iii);
  - (c) establishing common standards throughout the United Kingdom for the monitoring of nature conservation and for research into nature conservation and the analysis of the resulting information;
  - (d) commissioning or supporting (whether by financial means or otherwise) research which the joint committee thinks is relevant to any matter mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).
- (3) “The appropriate authorities” means—

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- (a) the Secretary of State (or any other Minister of the Crown),
- (b) the National Assembly for Wales,
- (c) the Scottish Ministers, and
- (d) the relevant Northern Ireland department.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 34 in force at 1.10.2006 by S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)

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