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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 816 (C. 32)**

**COUNTRYSIDE, ENGLAND AND WALES  
CANALS AND INLAND WATERWAYS**

**The Natural Environment and Rural Communities  
Act 2006 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2007**

*Made - - - - 11th March 2007*

The Secretary of State has consulted the Scottish Ministers, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland as required by subsections (5) and (8)(c) of section 107 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (1).

He makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by that section:

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2007.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

**Provisions coming into force on 1st April 2007**

2. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 1st April 2007—

- (a) sections 73 to 77;
- (b) Part 2 of Schedule 11;
- (c) Schedule 12, so far as it has not already been commenced.

**Provision coming into force on 10th May 2007**

3. Section 61 of the Act, so far as it has not already been commenced, comes into force on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

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11th March 2007

*Barry Gardiner*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural  
Affairs

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Article 2 of this Order brings into force certain provisions of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16) (“the Act”) on 1st April 2007.

Article 3 brings into force section 61 of the Act, so far as not already commenced, on 10th May 2007.

Detailed explanation of the provisions commenced by this Order can be found in the Explanatory Notes for the Act, which are available from The Stationery Office, PO Box 29, Norwich NR3 1GN (or online at [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)).

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 have been brought into force by commencement orders made before the date of this Order.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 1 (partially)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Section 1 (so far as not already commenced)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 2	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Sections 3 and 4	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 5	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Sections 6 to 8	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 9	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Section 10	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 11 (partially)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Section 11 (so far as not already commenced)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 12	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Sections 13 and 14	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Section 15 (partially)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Section 15 (so far as not already commenced)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 16	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Sections 17 to 28	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 29	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Sections 30 to 46	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 47	31st May 2006	2006/1382 (C.47)
Sections 48 to 51	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Sections 52 and 53	31st May 2006	2006/1382 (C.47)
Sections 54 and 55	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Sections 56 and 57	31st May 2006	2006/1382 (C.47)
Section 58	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 60	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 61 (partially)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Sections 62 to 65	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Sections 66 to 71 (in relation to England only)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Sections 78 to 86	31st May 2006	2006/1382 (C.47)
Sections 87 to 97	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 98	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Sections 100 and 101	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 105(1) (partially)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Section 105(1) (so far as not already commenced)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Section 105(2) (partially) (in relation to England only)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Section 105(2) (so far as not already commenced)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Schedule 1	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Schedules 2 to 4	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Schedules 5 to 7	31st May 2006	2006/1382 (C.47)
Schedules 8 to 10	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Schedule 11, paragraphs 34, 39, 58, 60 to 61, 105 and 153 (all partially)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Schedule 11 (Part 1, so far as not already commenced, with the exception of paragraph 174)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)
Schedule 12 (partially)	2nd May 2006	2006/1176 (C.40)
Schedule 12 (so far as not already commenced, with the exception of the entry relating to the Transport Act 1968)	1st October 2006	2006/2541 (C.86)

**WALES**

The following commencement order has been made—

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the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2006 ([S.I. 2006/2992 \(W.279\)](#) ([C.106](#))).

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