

*These notes relate to the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 11 June 2004*

# NATURE CONSERVATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2 – Conservation and Enhancement of Natural Features**

#### *Chapter 1 – Sites of Special Scientific Interest*

#### **Notification of sites of special scientific interest** [Schedule 1](#)

#### *Notifications relating to sites of special scientific interest: procedure*

#### **Notice of decision to confirm or withdraw**

78. [Paragraph 10](#) obliges SNH to give formal notice of any decision to confirm or withdraw a notification. Notice must be given to the interested parties (see section 48(2)) and must be publicised, including in at least one local newspaper and by any other means which SNH thinks fit, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 2. A failure to give such notice within the deadline for confirmation leads, by virtue of paragraph 5, to the notification being deemed to have been withdrawn.
79. [Paragraph 11](#) deals with the situation in which an objection to the notification has been referred to ACSSSI. In such cases the person who lodged the objection must be provided not only with notice of the confirmation or withdrawal of the notification but must also be given a copy of the advice which ACSSSI had given to SNH in relation to the matters raised by that objector.