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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 7

[^{F1} PROTECTION OF CERTAIN MAMMALS][^{F1} AMENDMENT OF ACTS IN RELATION TO NIGHT SHOOTING OF HARES AND RABBITS]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 7 heading substituted (S.) (1.1.2012) by [Wildlife and Natural Environment \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 6\)](#), ss. **11(4)(a)**, 43(1) (with s. 41(1)); S.S.I. 2011/433, art. 2(1)(b)

The Ground Game Act 1880

- 1 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 6 of the ^{M1} Ground Game Act 1880, it shall not be unlawful for the occupier of any land himself, or one other person authorised by him under section 1 of that Act, to use firearms for the purpose of killing ground game thereon between the expiration of the first hour after sunset and the commencement of the last hour before sunrise if (except where he has the exclusive right) the occupier has the written authority of the other person or one of the other persons entitled to kill and take the ground game on the land.
- (2) In this paragraph “ ground game ” means hares and rabbits.

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1880 c. 47 .

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 53(3)(c)(ia) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 53B(4A)(4B) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 4](#)
- s. 53ZA inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 3](#)
- s. 54B54C inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 13A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 6](#)
- Sch. 14A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 7](#)