



Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 69

PART I

WILDLIFE

Miscellaneous

[^{F1}14ZB Codes of practice in connection with [^{F2}species which are non-native or included in Schedule 9]

- (1) The Secretary of State may issue or approve a code of practice relating to—
 - (a) animals which are not ordinarily resident in and are not regular visitors to Great Britain in a wild state,
 - (b) animals or plants included in Schedule 9, or
 - (c) any description of animals or plants mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (2) The Secretary of State may revise or replace a code or approve its revision or replacement.
- (3) The Secretary of State must ensure that a code is published in a way that is appropriate for bringing it to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.
- (4) A person's failure to comply with a provision of a code does not make him liable to criminal or civil proceedings.
- (5) A code—
 - (a) is admissible in evidence in any proceedings, and
 - (b) must be taken into account by a court in any case in which it appears to the court to be relevant.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 14ZB inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006](#) (c. 16), [ss. 51, 107](#); [S.I. 2006/2541](#), [art. 2](#)

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F2 Words in s. 14ZB heading substituted (5.3.2015 for E.) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\), ss. 25\(4\), 57\(4\)](#); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(c)

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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](#)