



# Harris Tweed Act 1993

## 1993 CHAPTER xi

### PART II

#### THE HARRIS TWEED AUTHORITY

#### **3 Creation and duties of Authority**

- (1) There shall be a body, having its seat in the Outer Hebrides in Scotland and known as the Harris Tweed Authority, charged with the general duty of furthering the Harris Tweed industry as a means of livelihood for those who live in the Outer Hebrides by safeguarding the standard and reputation of, promoting awareness in all parts of the world of, and disseminating information about, material falling within the definition of Harris Tweed and articles made from it; and charged to that end with particular duties, namely—
  - (a) a duty to consider and keep under review in respect of any Harris Tweed trade mark the desirability of applying for the alteration of regulations approved under the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1938 (or for the approval or alteration of any regulations replacing such regulations under any enactment replacing those provisions) so as to specify characteristics to be possessed by a tweed in addition to those set out in paragraph (a) of section 7 below for it to qualify as Harris Tweed; and
  - (b) a duty by means of proceedings taken under the provisions of Part IV of this Act and in any other appropriate ways, to take such steps as are practicable to ensure that material which does not comply with the definition of Harris Tweed is not represented as being Harris Tweed.
- (2) The Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the constitution and proceedings of, and other matters relating to, the Authority.
- (3) The requirement in subsection (1) above that the Authority shall have its seat in the Outer Hebrides in Scotland is a requirement—
  - (a) that it shall maintain its official address there for the purpose of receiving notices or other communications; and
  - (b) that its central management and control shall be exercised there.