



Plant Health Act 1967

1967 CHAPTER 8

1 Objects of Act and competent authorities under it.

- (1) This Act shall have effect for the control . . . ^{F1}of pests and diseases injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops, or to trees or bushes, and in the following provisions of this Act—
- (a) references to pests are to be taken as references to insects, bacteria, fungi and other vegetable or animal organisms, viruses and all other agents causative of any transmissible disease of agricultural or horticultural crops or of trees or bushes, and also as including references to pests in any stage of existence;
 - (b) references to a crop are to be taken as including references to trees and bushes.
- (2) The competent authorities for purposes of this Act shall be—
- [^{F2}(za) for Scotland, the Scottish Ministers,]
 - [^{F3}(a) for England ^{F4}...—
 - (i) as regards the protection of forest trees and timber from attack by pests (“timber” for this purpose including all forest products), the Forestry Commissioners, and
 - (ii) otherwise, ^{F5}... the Secretary of State ^{F6}..., and
 - (b) for Wales, the Welsh Ministers.]

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** For exercises of power see Index to Government Orders.
P2 S. 1(2)(a): s. 2 (with ss. 1(2)(a), 3(1) and 4A) power exercised by [S.I.1991/2523](#).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [European Communities Act 1972](#) (c. 68, SIF 29:5), s. 4, **Sch. 4 para. 8(1)(2)**
F2 S. 1(2)(za) inserted (S.) (1.4.2019) by [Forestry and Land Management \(Scotland\) Act 2018](#) (asp 8), **ss. 10(2)(a), 85(2)** (with s. 83); [S.S.I. 2019/47](#), reg. 2 (with regs. 3-22)
F3 S. 1(2)(a)(b) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013](#) (No. 755), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 43** (with Sch. 7)
F4 Words in s. 1(2)(a) repealed (S.) (1.4.2019) by [Forestry and Land Management \(Scotland\) Act 2018](#) (asp 8), **ss. 10(2)(b), 85(2)** (with s. 83); [S.S.I. 2019/47](#), reg. 2 (with regs. 3-22)

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- F5** Words in s. 1(2)(a)(ii) repealed (S.) (1.4.2019) by [Forestry and Land Management \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(asp 8\)](#), **ss. 10(2)(c)(i)**, 85(2) (with s. 83); S.S.I. 2019/47, reg. 2 (with regs. 3-22)
- F6** Words in s. 1(2)(a)(ii) repealed (S.) (1.4.2019) by [Forestry and Land Management \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(asp 8\)](#), **ss. 10(2)(c)(ii)**, 85(2) (with s. 83); S.S.I. 2019/47, reg. 2 (with regs. 3-22)

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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. 3(4B) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 27 para. 1\(3\)](#)