



# Zoo Licensing Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 37

### *Special cases*

#### 14 Dispensation for particular zoos. **E+W**

(1) [<sup>F1</sup>Subject to subsection (1A),] if the local authority with power to grant a licence for a zoo inform the Secretary of State that in their opinion a direction should be made under this subsection because of the small [<sup>F2</sup>number of animals kept in] the zoo or the small number of the kinds of animal kept there, he may, after consulting such persons on the list as he thinks fit, direct—

- (a) that this Act shall not apply to that zoo; or
- (b) that sections 10 and 11 or either of them shall not apply thereto.

[<sup>F3</sup>(1A) The Secretary of State may only make a direction under subsection (1) where he is satisfied that it is not prejudicial to the protection of wild animals and the conservation of biodiversity to do so.]

(2) If the operator of a zoo informs the Secretary of State that in his opinion a direction should be made under this subsection because the number of inspectors provided for by section 10(4)(a) is too large for the zoo (having regard to the small size of the zoo or the small number of the kinds of animal kept there), the Secretary of State may, after consulting the local authority with power to grant a licence for the zoo and such persons on the list as he thinks fit, direct—

- (a) that in the application of this Act to the zoo, section 10(4)(a) and (b) shall not apply; and
- (b) that, instead, any inspection to be carried out under section 10 shall be conducted by such inspector or inspectors as the Secretary of State appoints.

(3) [<sup>F4</sup>Subject to subsection (3A),] any direction made under subsection (1) or (2) may be revoked or varied by a further direction of the Secretary of State made after he has consulted the local authority and such persons on the list as he thinks fit.

[<sup>F5</sup>(3A) The Secretary of State may only vary a direction made under subsection (1) where he is satisfied that it is not prejudicial to the protection of wild animals and the conservation of biodiversity to do so.]

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(4) While a direction under subsection (1)

has effect, this Act, or sections 10 and 11, or either of them, shall not apply to the zoo (depending on the terms of the direction and any variation made by a further direction under subsection (3)).

(5) While a direction under subsection (2)

has effect, this Act shall apply to the zoo with the modifications specified in the direction (subject to any variation made by a further direction under subsection (3)).

(6) The Secretary of State shall take reasonable steps to secure that the local authority and any person who operates the zoo are notified in writing of any direction made under subsection (1), (2) or (3).

#### Extent Information

- E1** This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 14(1) inserted (E.) (8.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/3080, **regs. 1(1), 2, 18(a)(i)**
- F2** Words in s. 14(1) substituted (E.) (8.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/3080, **regs. 1(1), 2, 18(a)(ii)** (which substitution is extended (W.) (22.4.2003) by **The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/992)**, **regs. 1(1), 2(1), Sch. para. 15(a)** (with reg. 4))
- F3** S. 14(1A) inserted (E.) (8.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/3080, **regs. 1(1), 2, 18(b)**(which insertion is extended (W.) (22.4.2003) by virtue of **The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/992)**, **regs. 1(1), 2(1), Sch. para. 15(b)** (with reg. 4))
- F4** Words in s. 14(3) inserted (E.) (8.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/3080, **regs. 1(1), 2, 18(c)** (which insertion is extended (W.) (22.4.2003) by **The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/992)**, **regs. 1(1), 2(1), Sch. para. 15(c)** (with reg. 4))
- F5** S. 14(3A) inserted (E.) (8.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/3080, **regs. 1(1), 2, 18(d)** (which insertion is extended (W.) (22.4.2003) by **The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/992)**, **regs. 1(1), 2(1), Sch. para. 15(d)** (with reg. 4))

## 14 Dispensation for particular zoos. **S**

(1) [<sup>F6</sup>Subject to subsection (1A),] if the local authority with power to grant a licence for a zoo inform the Secretary of State that in their opinion a direction should be made under this subsection because of the small [<sup>F7</sup>number of animals kept in] the zoo or the small number of the kinds of animal kept there, he may, after consulting such persons on the list as he thinks fit, direct—

- (a) that this Act shall not apply to that zoo; or
- (b) that sections 10 and 11 or either of them shall not apply thereto.

[<sup>F8</sup>(1A) The Scottish Ministers may only make a direction under subsection (1) where they are satisfied that it is not prejudicial to the protection of wild animals and the conservation of biodiversity to do so.]

(2) If the operator of a zoo informs the Secretary of State that in his opinion a direction should be made under this subsection because the number of inspectors provided for by section 10(4)(a) is too large for the zoo (having regard to the small size of the zoo or the small number of the kinds of animal kept there), the Secretary of State may,

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after consulting the local authority with power to grant a licence for the zoo and such persons on the list as he thinks fit, direct—

- (a) that in the application of this Act to the zoo, section 10(4)(a) and (b) shall not apply; and
- (b) that, instead, any inspection to be carried out under section 10 shall be conducted by such inspector or inspectors as the Secretary of State appoints.

- (3) [<sup>F9</sup>Subject to subsection (3A),] any direction made under subsection (1) or (2) may be revoked or varied by a further direction of the Secretary of State made after he has consulted the local authority and such persons on the list as he thinks fit.

[<sup>F10</sup>(3A) The Scottish Ministers may only vary a direction made under subsection (1) where they are satisfied that it is not prejudicial to the protection of wild animals and the conservation of biodiversity to do so.]

- (4) While a direction under subsection (1)

has effect, this Act, or sections 10 and 11, or either of them, shall not apply to the zoo (depending on the terms of the direction and any variation made by a further direction under subsection (3)).

- (5) While a direction under subsection (2)

has effect, this Act shall apply to the zoo with the modifications specified in the direction (subject to any variation made by a further direction under subsection (3)).

- (6) The Secretary of State shall take reasonable steps to secure that the local authority and any person who operates the zoo are notified in writing of any direction made under subsection (1), (2) or (3).

#### Extent Information

- E2** This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales only

#### Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in s. 14(1) inserted (S.) (1.4.2003) by [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/174\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(a)(i)**
- F7** Words in s. 14(1) substituted (S.) (1.4.2003) by [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/174\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(a)(ii)**
- F8** S. 14(1A) inserted (S.) (1.4.2003) by [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/174\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(b)**
- F9** Words in s. 14(3) inserted (S.) (1.4.2003) by [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/174\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(c)**
- F10** S. 14(3A) inserted (S.) (1.4.2003) by [The Zoo Licensing Act 1981 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/174\)](#), regs. 1(1), **18(d)**

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