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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 7

#### [<sup>F1</sup> PROTECTION OF CERTAIN MAMMALS][<sup>F1</sup> 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 Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948*

- 2 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 50(1)(a) of the <sup>M1</sup> Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948, it shall not be unlawful for the owner of the shooting rights on any land or any person holding those rights from him, or subject to sub-paragraph (2) below the occupier of any land, to use a firearm 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.
- (2) The occupier of any land shall not use a firearm as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above unless (except where he has the exclusive right) he has first obtained the written authority of the other person or one of the other persons entitled to kill and take the ground game on the land.
- (3) An occupier who is entitled, in terms of this paragraph, to use a firearm for the purpose of killing ground game may, subject to the provisions of section 1 of the Ground Game Act 1880, authorise one other person so to use a firearm.
- (4) In this paragraph “ ground game ” means hares and rabbits.

##### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1948 c. 45 .

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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](#)