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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 9A

#### SPECIES CONTROL AGREEMENTS AND ORDERS (ENGLAND AND WALES)

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 9A inserted (E.W.) (12.4.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. **23(3)**, 57(4); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 3(a); S.I. 2015/990, reg. 2

### PART 1

#### OVERVIEW AND INTERPRETATION

##### *Definitions relating to species*

- 2 (1) “Species” means any kind of animal or plant.
- (2) A species is “invasive” if, uncontrolled, it would be likely to have a significant adverse impact on—
- (a) biodiversity,
  - (b) other environmental interests, or
  - (c) social or economic interests.
- (3) A species is “non-native” if—
- (a) it is listed in Part 1 or 2 of Schedule 9, or
  - (b) in the case of a species of animal, it is a species—
    - (i) whose natural range does not include any part of Great Britain, and
    - (ii) which has been introduced into Great Britain or is present in Great Britain because of other human activity.
- (4) References to a species being “present” on premises include its being present at any stage in its life-cycle (for example, as eggs or seeds).
- (5) A species of animal is “no longer normally present in Great Britain” if—
- (a) it is a species listed in Part 1B of Schedule 9, or
  - (b) it is a species—
    - (i) whose natural range includes all or any part of Great Britain, and
    - (ii) which has ceased to be ordinarily resident in, or a regular visitor to, Great Britain in a wild state.

[ The “list of species of special concern” means the list of species in the Annex to <sup>F2</sup>[<sup>F3</sup>(6) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1141 adopting a list of invasive alien species of Union concern pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as amended from time to time.]]]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Sch. 9A para. 2(6) inserted (1.12.2019) by [The Invasive Alien Species \(Enforcement and Permitting\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/527\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 4 para. 1(4)(b)** (with art. 1(2)(4)) (as amended by S.I. 2019/1213, regs. 1, 2(2))
- F3** Sch. 9A para. 2(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Animal Health, Invasive Alien Species, Plant Breeders' Rights and Seeds \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1220\)](#), regs. 1(2)(c), **6(3)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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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](#)