



Radioactive Substances Act 1993

CHAPTER 12

RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 1993

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2 Section 16 of the Clean Air Act 1993.
3 Section 5 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966.
4 Section 4 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975....
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6 The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990.
7 Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
8 Sections 72, 111 and 113(6) and Chapter III of Part...
9 Sections 82, 84, 85, 86, 87(1), 88(2), 92, 93, 99,...
10 Section 18 of the Water Act 1945 so far as...

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- 11 Sections . . . 32, 41, 42 and 116 of...
12 Section 16 of the Clean Air Act 1993.
13 The Sewerage (Scotland) Act 1968.
14 The Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997.
15 Section 201 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

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- 16 Sections 30A, 30B, 30D, 41 to 42B and 56(1) to...
- 17 Sections 70, 71 and 75 of the Water (Scotland) Act...
- 17A Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
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- 20 Sections 35, 46, 49 and 51 of the Public Health...
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- 22 Articles 5, 7, 9 7A , 14, 16 and 30...
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- 24 The Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.
- 25 The Pollution Control (Special Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981.

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- 1 In section 7 of the Continental Shelf Act 1964, for...

The Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (c. 57)

- 2 In section 4(1)(d) of the Nuclear Installations Act 1965, for...

The Control of Pollution Act 1974 (c. 40)

- 3 In section 56(6) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974,...

The Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1049 (N.I. 19))

- 4 In article 36(4) of the Pollution Control and Local Government...

The Atomic Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1981 (c. 48)

- 5 In section 4(1) of the Atomic Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act...

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43)

- 6 In section 28(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, for...
- 7 In section 78 of that Act, for “Radioactive Substances Act...
- 8 In section 142(7) of that Act, for “the Radioactive Substances...
- 9 In section 156 of that Act, for “Radioactive Substances Act...

The Atomic Weapons Establishment Act 1991 (c. 46)

- 10 After paragraph 10 of the Schedule to the Atomic Weapons...

The Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57)

- 11 In section 98 of the Water Resources Act 1991—

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- 1 The substitution of this Act for the enactments repealed by...
- 2 Any reference, whether express or implied, in this Act or...
- 3 Any document made, served or issued after the commencement of...

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- 4 Paragraphs 2 and 3 have effect without prejudice to the...
- 5 The power to amend or revoke the subordinate legislation reproduced...
- 6 Subsection (1) of section 80 of the Health and Safety...
- 7 In the application of paragraph 6 to Northern Ireland[^]
- Part II — TRANSITORY MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE 3
- 8 (1) If— (a) no date has been appointed before the...
- 9 (1) If— (a) no date has been appointed before the...
- 10 (1) If— (a) no date has been appointed before the...
- 11 Until the commencement of the repeal by Part II of...
- 12 Until the commencement of the repeal by Part II of...

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Notes:

1. The following abbreviations are used in this Table:—
2. The Table does not show the effect of the...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 1 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(a\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 2 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(b\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 3 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(c\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 6 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(d\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 7 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(e\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 8 title substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- s. 8(1)-(3) repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(f\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 8(4)(5) repealed by [S.R. 2011/290 reg. 8](#)
- s. 8(4)(5) repealed by [S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 8](#)
- s. 8(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 8(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 8(6) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 8(8) repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(f\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 9 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(g\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 10 11 excluded by [S.R. 2017/229 reg. 31\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 10 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(h\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 11 title substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(4\)](#)
- s. 11(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(4\)](#)
- s. 11(3) repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(i\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 12 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(j\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 13 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(k\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 14 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(l\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 15 title substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(5\)](#)
- s. 15(1) repealed by [S.R. 2011/290 reg. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 15(1) repealed by [S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 15(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 15(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 15(2) excluded by [SI 2010/675 reg. 2\(4\) \(as inserted\) by S.I. 2011/988 Sch. 3 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 15(2) word substituted by [S.R. 2011/290 reg. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 15(2) word substituted by [S.R. 2011/290 reg. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 15(2) word substituted by [S.R. 2011/290 reg. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 15(2) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 15(2) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 15(2) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 15(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(5\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 15(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(5\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 15(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(5\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 15(3) repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(m\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 16 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(n\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 16(4A) words omitted by [2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 67\(a\)](#)
- s. 16(4A)(a) words substituted by [2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 67\(b\)](#)
- s. 17 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(p\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 17(2A) words omitted by [2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 68\(a\)](#)
- s. 17(2A)(a) words substituted by [2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 68\(b\)](#)
- s. 18 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(r\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 19 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(s\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 20 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(t\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 21 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(u\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 22 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(v\) Sch. 28](#)
- s. 23 repealed by [S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11\(2\)\(w\) Sch. 28](#)

- s. 24 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(x) Sch. 28
- s. 25 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(y) Sch. 28
- s. 26 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(z) Sch. 28
- s. 27 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(aa) Sch. 28
- s. 29 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(bb) Sch. 28
- s. 30 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(cc) Sch. 28
- s. 30(4) words substituted by S.S.I. 2009/319 Sch. 2 para. 5
- s. 32 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(ee) Sch. 28
- s. 33 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(ff) Sch. 28
- s. 34 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(gg) Sch. 28
- s. 34A repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(hh) Sch. 28
- s. 36 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(ii) Sch. 28
- s. 37 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(jj) Sch. 28
- s. 38 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(kk) Sch. 28
- s. 38(3) repealed by 2002 c. 26 Sch. 13
- s. 39 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(ll) Sch. 28
- s. 40(3) words inserted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 42(2)(a)
- s. 40(3) words inserted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 42(2)(b)(i)
- s. 40(3) words inserted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 42(2)(b)(ii)
- s. 41 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(mm) Sch. 28
- s. 42 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(nn) Sch. 28
- s. 44(2) repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(oo) Sch. 28
- s. 45 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(pp) Sch. 28
- s. 46 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(qq) Sch. 28
- s. 47 substituted by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(6)
- s. 47(1) words inserted by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 5(1)
- s. 47(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 5(1)
- s. 47(1) words inserted by 2009 c. 23 Sch. 14 para. 17
- s. 47(1) words repealed by 2009 c. 23 Sch. 22 Pt. 4
- s. 48 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(rr) Sch. 28
- s. 48 words inserted by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 6(a)
- s. 48 words inserted by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 6(b)
- s. 48 words inserted by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 6(d)
- s. 48 words inserted by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 6(e)
- s. 48 words inserted by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 6(a)
- s. 48 words inserted by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 6(b)
- s. 48 words inserted by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 6(d)
- s. 48 words inserted by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 6(e)
- s. 48 words substituted by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 6(c)
- s. 48 words substituted by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 6(c)
- Sch. 1 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(ss) Sch. 28
- Sch. 3 para. 11 repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 27(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 3 repealed by 2009 c. 23 Sch. 22 Pt. 4
- Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(tt) Sch. 28
- Sch. 3 Pt. 3 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(tt) Sch. 28
- Sch. 3 Pt. 3 para. 18 substituted by 2011 c. 23 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 13(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 16 word substituted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 27(b)(ii)
- Sch. 3 para. 16 words repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 27(b)(i)
- Sch. 3 para. 9 words repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(7)(a) Sch. 28
- Sch. 4 para. 6 repealed by 1999 c. 24 Sch. 3
- Sch. 4 para. 2 repealed by 2013 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 30
- Sch. 6 repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(uu) Sch. 28

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act modified by 2014 c. 20 Sch. 1 para. 5
- Act repealed in part by S.I. 2011/2043 reg. 17

- Act repealed in part by S.I. 2016/1154 reg. 72

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1A-1J substituted for s. 1 2 by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 3
- s. 1A-1H 1J substituted for s. 1 2 by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 3
- s. 16(4B) inserted by 2015 asp 1 sch. para. 5(2)
- s. 16A repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(o) Sch. 28
- s. 17(2B) inserted by 2015 asp 1 sch. para. 5(3)
- s. 17A repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(q) Sch. 28
- s. 25(3B) inserted by 2015 asp 1 sch. para. 5(4)
- s. 30A repealed by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(2)(dd) Sch. 28
- s. 46(b)(i) words in s. 46(b) renumbered as s. 46(b)(i) by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 42(3)(a)
- s. 46(b)(ii) inserted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 42(3)(b)
- s. 47(5B)(5C) inserted by S.R. 2011/290 reg. 5(2)
- s. 47(5B)(5C) inserted by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 5(2)
- Sch. 1A substituted by S.R. 2011/290 Sch.
- Sch. 1A substituted for Sch. 1 by S.S.I. 2011/207 reg. 7 Sch.
- Sch. 3 Pt. 3 para. 26 added by 2011 c. 23 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 13(b)
- Sch. 3 para. 10A inserted by 2009 c. 23 Sch. 14 para. 18
- Sch. 3 para. 10B inserted by S.I. 2010/675 Sch. 26 Pt. 1 para. 11(7)(b)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Radioactive Substances Act 1993

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- S.I. 2010/630 art. 3 commences (2009 c. 23)
- S.I. 2011/556 art. 1-3 commences (2009 c. 23)
- S.R. 2010/113 art. 2 commences (2002 c. 26)
- S.R. 2012/13 art. 2(1) Sch. 2 commences (2011 c. 23 (N.I.))