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10 (1) The Scottish Ministers must, after consultation with the convener...

Quorum
11 (1) The quorum of the Commission is five members.

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3 The crofter shall, by himself or his family, with or...
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3B Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 3A above, in...
4 The crofter shall provide such fixed equipment on his croft...
5 The crofter shall not, to the prejudice of the interest...
5A In sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph 5 above, “...
6 The crofter shall not sublet his croft or any part...
6A The crofter shall be responsible for ensuring, where the croft...
7 The crofter shall not, except in accordance with the provisions...
8 The crofter shall not, without the consent in writing of...
9 The crofter shall not ... violate any written condition signed...
10 The crofter shall not do any act whereby he becomes...
11 The crofter shall permit the landlord or any person authorised...
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12 The crofter shall not on his croft, without the consent...
13 In this Schedule— “cultivate” includes the use of...

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2 The loan shall either be repaid by half-yearly instalments of...
3 The amount for the time being unpaid may at any...
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5 The Secretary of State shall cause to be prepared and...

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1 In so far as anything done under an enactment repealed...
2 Where any period of time specified in an enactment repealed...
3 Any reference in any enactment or document, whether express or...
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— TABLE OF DERIVATIONS

Showing the derivation of the provisions of the Act

NOTE: The following abbreviations are used in this Table—
Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993.