Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 37

PART III

NATURE CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Ramsar sites

77 Ramsar sites.

After section 37 of the 1981 Act there is inserted—

"**37A Ramsar sites.**

(1) Where a wetland in Great Britain has been designated under paragraph 1 of article 2 of the Ramsar Convention for inclusion in the list of wetlands of international importance referred to in that article, the Secretary of State shall—
   (a) notify English Nature if all or part of the wetland is in England;
   (b) notify the Countryside Council for Wales if it is in Wales; or
   (c) notify both of them if it is partly in England and partly in Wales.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), upon receipt of a notification under subsection (1), each body notified shall, in turn, notify—
   (a) the local planning authority in whose area the wetland is situated;
   (b) every owner and occupier of any of that wetland;
   (c) the Environment Agency; and
   (d) every relevant undertaker (within the meaning of section 4(1) of the [M1]Water Industry Act 1991) and every internal drainage board (within the meaning of section 61C(1) of the [M2]Land Drainage Act 1991) whose works, operations or activities may affect the wetland.

(3) English Nature and the Countryside Council for Wales may agree that in a case where the Secretary of State notifies both of them under subsection (1)(c), any

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notice under subsection (2) is to be sent by one or the other of them (and not both), so as to avoid duplicate notices under that subsection.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), the "Ramsar Convention" is the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat signed at Ramsar on 2nd February 1971, as amended by—

(a) the Protocol known as the Paris Protocol done at Paris on 3rd December 1982; and

(b) the amendments known as the Regina Amendments adopted at the Extraordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties held at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, between 28th May and 3rd June 1987.

(5) If the Ramsar Convention is further amended after the passing of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the reference to the Ramsar Convention in subsection (1) is to be taken after the entry into force of the further amendments as referring to that Convention as further amended (and the reference to paragraph 1 of article 2 is, if necessary, to be taken as referring to the appropriate successor provision)."

Marginal Citations

M1 1991 c. 56.

M2 1991 c. 59.

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

– Blanket amendment words substituted by S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34

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

– s. 15(1)(e) and word inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 179
– s. 55A inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 20
– s. 56A inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 21
– s. 56B inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 22(1)