



Ragwort Control Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 40

1 Control of ragwort

After section 1 of the Weeds Act 1959 (c. 54) there is inserted—

“1A Code of practice: ragwort

- (1) The Minister may make a code of practice for the purpose of providing guidance on how to prevent the spread of ragwort (*senecio jacobaea L.*).
- (2) Before making the code the Minister must consult such persons as he considers appropriate.
- (3) The Minister must lay a copy of the code before Parliament.
- (4) The Minister may revise the code; and subsections (2) and (3) apply to the revised code.
- (5) The code is to be admissible in evidence.
- (6) If the code appears to a court to be relevant to any question arising in proceedings it is to be taken into account in determining that question.”