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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 2336**

**The Railtrack (Leeds Bridges) Order 1999**

**PART IV**

**MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL**

*Noise*

**Control of construction sites: appeals**

**22.** Sections 60 (control of noise on construction sites) and 61 (prior consent for work on construction sites) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974<sup>(1)</sup> shall have effect, in relation to works carried out in exercise of the powers conferred by this Order, as if in subsection (7) of each section (appeal against failure to give consent or the giving of qualified consent) for the words “a magistrates' court” there were substituted the words “the Secretary of State”.

**Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance**

**23.—**(1) Where proceedings are brought under section 82(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990<sup>(2)</sup> (summary proceedings by person aggrieved by statutory nuisances) in relation to a nuisance falling within paragraph (g) of section 79(1) of that Act (noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance) no order shall be made, and no fine may be imposed, under section 82(2) of that Act if the defendant shows—

- (a) that the nuisance relates to premises used by Railtrack for the purposes of or in connection with the exercise of the powers conferred by this Order with respect to works, and
- (b) that the nuisance is attributable to the carrying out of works which are being carried out in accordance with a notice served under section 60, of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 or a consent given under section 61 or 65, of that Act.

(2) The following provisions of the Control of Pollution Act 1974, namely—

- (a) section 61(9) (consent for work on construction site to include statement that it does not of itself constitute a defence to proceedings under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990), and
- (b) section 65(8) (corresponding provision in relation to consent for registered noise level to be exceeded),

shall not apply where the consent relates to the use of premises by Railtrack for the purposes of or in connection with the exercise of the powers conferred by this Order with respect to works.

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(1) 1974 c. 40.  
(2) 1990 c. 43.