



# Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

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### PART 2

#### CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NATURAL FEATURES

### CHAPTER 2

#### NATURE CONSERVATION ORDERS

#### **27 Offences in relation to nature conservation orders**

- (1) Any person who carries out, or causes or permits to be carried out, a prohibited operation on any land to which a nature conservation order relates is guilty of an offence and liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £40,000,
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.
- (2) It is not a defence in proceedings for an offence under subsection (1) that the carrying out of the prohibited operation did not damage any natural feature of the land to which the nature conservation order relates.