



Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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PART 3

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

CHAPTER 1

REGULATIONS FOR PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT

16 General purpose: protecting and improving the environment

- (1) The purpose of this Chapter is to enable provision to be made for or in connection with protecting and improving the environment, including (without prejudice to that generality)—
- (a) regulating environmental activities,
 - [^{F1}(b) implementing—
 - (i) the relevant EU instruments, or
 - (ii) any international obligations relating to protecting and improving the environment.]
- (2) In [^{F2}subsection (1)—
- “the relevant EU instruments” has the same meaning as in paragraph 22(2) of schedule 2, and]
 - “international obligations” means any international obligations of the United Kingdom^{F3}....

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 16(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/436\)](#), regs. 1, [2\(2\)\(a\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in s. 16(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/436\)](#), regs. 1, [2\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in s. 16(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/436\)](#), regs. 1, [2\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Commencement Information

II S. 16 in force at 30.6.2014 by [S.S.I. 2014/160](#), art. 2(1)(2), [Sch.](#)

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

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

- sch. 2 para. 14A inserted by [2024 asp 13 s. 22\(2\)](#)