



Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

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PART 8

DEER MANAGEMENT

79 Review of compliance with code of practice on deer management

- (1) The Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 5A (code of practice on deer management) insert—

“5B Review of compliance with code of practice on deer management

- (1) SNH must, before the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (4), carry out a review into the extent to which the code of practice on deer management—
 - (a) is being complied with by owners and occupiers of land, and
 - (b) is effective in promoting sustainable deer management.
- (2) SNH must, following a review under subsection (1), submit a report to the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) setting out SNH’s views on the extent to which the code—
 - (i) has been complied with, and
 - (ii) has been effective in promoting sustainable deer management,
 - (b) including such recommendations as SNH consider appropriate.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must lay before the Scottish Parliament a report submitted to them under subsection (2).
- (4) The period referred to in subsection (1) is—
 - (a) the period of 3 years beginning with the day on which section 79 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 comes into force,
 - (b) each subsequent period of 3 years beginning with the day on which the Scottish Ministers lay, under subsection (3), the report submitted to them under subsection (2).”