



Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Act 2018

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Offence and what it covers

3 Meaning of other key terms

In this Act—

“circus operator”, in relation to a circus, means—

- (a) the owner of the circus,
- (b) any person, other than the owner, with overall responsibility for the operation of the circus, or
- (c) if neither of the persons mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) is present in the United Kingdom, the person in the United Kingdom who is ultimately responsible for the operation of the circus,

“travelling circus”—

- (a) means a circus which travels, whether regularly or irregularly, from one place to another for the purpose of providing entertainment,
- (b) includes—
 - (i) a circus which travels as mentioned in paragraph (a) for the purpose mentioned there, despite there being periods during which it does not travel from one place to another,
 - (ii) any place where a wild animal associated with such a circus is kept (including temporarily),

(but not, for example, a circus which travels in order to relocate to a new fixed base for use only or mainly as a place to give performances).