



# UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

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## PART 2

### ENVIRONMENT

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##### ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

###### *Functions of Environmental Standards Scotland*

### **23 Co-operation duties of public authorities and Environmental Standards Scotland**

- (1) A public authority must co-operate with Environmental Standards Scotland, and give it such reasonable assistance as it requests (including the provision of information), in connection with the exercise of its functions.
- (2) In addition, a public authority must make all reasonable efforts to—
  - (a) swiftly resolve any matter which Environmental Standards Scotland raises concerning the authority's failure to comply with environmental law, to make effective environmental law or to implement or apply it effectively, and
  - (b) reach agreement with Environmental Standards Scotland on any remedial action the authority should take for the purpose of environmental protection.
- (3) If Environmental Standards Scotland considers that a particular exercise of its functions may be relevant to the exercise of an environmental governance function by the Office for Environmental Protection, or any other environmental governance body in the United Kingdom, Environmental Standards Scotland must consult that body.

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#### Commencement Information

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