



Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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PART 3

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

CHAPTER 1

REGULATIONS FOR PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT

17 Meaning of expressions used in section 16 and schedule 2

(1) Expressions used in section 16 have the following meanings for the purposes of this Chapter—

“environmental activities” means—

- (a) activities that are capable of causing, or liable to cause, environmental harm, and
- (b) activities connected with such activities,

“protecting and improving the environment” includes, in particular—

- (a) preventing deterioration (or further deterioration) of, and protecting and enhancing, the status of ecosystems, and
- (b) promoting the sustainable use of natural resources based on the long-term protection of available natural resources.

(2) In subsection (1)—

“activities” means activities of any nature whether industrial, commercial or otherwise and whether carried on in particular premises or otherwise; and includes (with or without other activities) the production, treatment, keeping, depositing or disposal of any substance,

“environmental harm” means—

- (a) harm to the health of human beings or other living organisms,
- (b) harm to the quality of the environment, including—
 - (i) harm to the quality of the environment taken as a whole,
 - (ii) harm to the quality of air, water or land, and
 - (iii) other impairment of, or interference with, ecosystems,

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- (c) offence to the senses of human beings,
 - (d) damage to property, or
 - (e) impairment of, or interference with, amenities or other legitimate uses of the environment.
- (3) In schedule 2 (introduced by section 18), “regulated activities” means any environmental activities in respect of which regulations under that section make provision.

Commencement Information

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