



# Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

## 2016 asp 18

### PART 8

#### DEER MANAGEMENT

#### **81 Power to require return on number of deer planned to be killed**

- (1) The Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16 (service of notices), in subsection (1A), for “and 40(1)” substitute “, 40(1) and 40A(1) ”.
- (3) In section 17A (register of persons competent to shoot deer)—
  - (a) in subsection (2)(a)(xiii), for “section 40” substitute “ sections 40 and 40A ”,
  - (b) in subsection (6)—
    - (i) in paragraph (a), after “return” insert “ within the meaning given by subsection (7)(a) or (b)(i) ”,
    - (ii) “or” immediately after paragraph (a) is repealed,
    - (iii) after paragraph (a) insert—
      - “(aa) fails without reasonable cause to submit a cull return within the meaning given by subsection (7)(b)(ii) in accordance with regulations made under subsection (1)(d) above, or”,
    - (iv) in paragraph (b), for “so submitted” substitute “ referred to in paragraph (a) ”,
  - (c) in subsection (7), for paragraph (b) substitute—
    - “(b) when required to be submitted by an owner or occupier of land, means—
      - (i) a written statement showing the number of deer of each species and of each sex which to his knowledge has been taken or killed on the land, or
      - (ii) a written statement showing the number of deer of each species and of each sex which are planned to be killed on the land in the following year.”.
- (4) After section 40 insert—

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**“40A Power of SNH to require return of number of deer planned to be killed**

- (1) SNH may, for the purposes of any of its deer functions, by notice served on the owner or occupier of any land require the owner or occupier to make a return, in such form as SNH may require, showing how many deer of each species and of each sex are planned to be killed on the land in the following year.
- (2) A notice served under subsection (1) must specify a period, of not more than 1 year immediately following the date of service of the notice, for which the return must be completed.
- (3) Any person on whom a notice under subsection (1) has been served who fails without reasonable cause to make the required return within 36 days after the service of the notice commits an offence.”.
- (5) In schedule 3 (penalties)—
- (a) in the entry relating to section 17A(6), in column 1, for “17A(6)” substitute “ 17A(6)(a) or (b) ”,
- (b) after that entry, insert—

“17A(6)(aa)	Failure to submit cull return	a fine of level 3 on the standard scale”,
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(c) after the entry relating to section 40(4), insert—

““40A(3)	Failure to make return of number of deer planned to be killed.	a fine of level 3 on the standard scale.”.
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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 81 in force at 28.6.2016 by S.S.I. 2016/193, reg. 2(1), Sch.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.S.I. 2017/299, regs. 5-14, by [S.S.I. 2017/370 reg. 34](#)