



# Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 16

### PART 2

#### NATURE CONSERVATION IN THE UK

##### *Joint Nature Conservation Committee etc.*

#### **31 Joint Nature Conservation Committee**

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee—

- (a) is to continue in existence, but
- (b) is to be re-constituted in accordance with Schedule 4.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 31 in force at 1.10.2006 by S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)

#### **32 UK conservation bodies**

- (1) In this Part “the UK conservation bodies” means—
- (a) for England, Natural England;
  - (b) for Wales, [<sup>F1</sup>the Natural Resources Body for Wales];
  - (c) for Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage;
  - (d) for Northern Ireland, the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside.
- (2) In this Part “the GB conservation bodies” means the bodies mentioned in subsection (1)(a) to (c).

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Cross Heading: Joint Nature Conservation Committee etc.. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 32(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 432](#) (with [Sch. 7](#))

**Commencement Information**

- I2** S. 32 in force at 1.10.2006 by [S.I. 2006/2541](#), [art. 2](#) (with [Sch.](#))

**33 Purpose of functions under this Part**

- (1) The UK conservation bodies and the joint committee have the functions conferred on them by this Part for the purposes of—
- (a) nature conservation, and
  - (b) fostering the understanding of nature conservation.
- (2) Each of them must, in discharging their functions under this Part, have regard to—
- (a) actual or possible ecological changes, and
  - (b) the desirability of contributing to sustainable development.

**Commencement Information**

- I3** [S. 33](#) in force at 1.10.2006 by [S.I. 2006/2541](#), [art. 2](#) (with [Sch.](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

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