



2010 CHAPTER 10

PART 2

PROTECTION OF FOREST TREES FROM DAMAGE

**Protection for persons acting under sections 8 to 11**

- 12.—(1) A person is not guilty of an offence under—
- (a) section 7(1)(a) or 7A(1)(a) of the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928 (c. 25), or
  - (b) Article 19(1) or (4) of the [Wildlife \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1985 \(NI 2\)](#),
- by reason of any act falling within subsection (2).
- (2) An act falls within this subsection if it is done—
- (a) in pursuance of the power in section 8(3), 9(4) or 10(7); or
  - (b) for the purpose of complying with a notice under section 9(3) or 10(5).
- (3) A person is not guilty of an offence under—
- (a) section 7B or 7E of the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928, or
  - (b) Article 10(4) or 14 of the [Wildlife \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1985](#),
- by reason of any act falling within subsection (4).
- (4) An act falls within this subsection if it is done—
- (a) for the purpose of complying with a notice under section 11(2); or
  - (b) in pursuance of the power in section 11(3).
- (5) But nothing in section 8 or 10 affects the operation of any statutory provision relating to game licences or firearm licences.