



2011 CHAPTER 15

Amendments to the Wildlife Order

Powers of constable in connection with samples

21 After Article 25 of the Wildlife Order insert—

“Powers of constables in connection with samples

25A.—(1) A constable who suspects with reasonable cause that a specimen found by him in the exercise of powers conferred by Article 25 is one in respect of which an offence under Part 2 is being or has been committed may require the taking from it of a sample.

(2) A constable who suspects with reasonable cause that an offence under Part 2 is being or has been committed in respect of any specimen (“the relevant specimen”) may require any person to make available for the taking of a sample any specimen (other than the relevant specimen) in that person's possession or control which—

- (a) is alleged to be, or
- (b) the constable suspects with reasonable cause to be,

a specimen a sample from which will tend to establish the identity or ancestry of the relevant specimen.

(3) Where a sample from a live bird or other animal is to be taken pursuant to a requirement under this Article, any person who has possession or control of the specimen must give the person taking the sample such assistance as he may reasonably require for that purpose.

(4) A person is guilty of an offence if he—

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- (a) fails without reasonable excuse to make available any specimen in accordance with a requirement under paragraph (2); or
- (b) fails without reasonable excuse to give any assistance reasonably required under paragraph (3).

(5) No sample may be taken by virtue of this Article from a live bird or other animal except by a veterinary surgeon.

(6) No sample may be taken by virtue of this Article from a live bird, other animal or plant unless the person taking it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that taking the sample will not cause lasting harm to the specimen.

(7) In this Article—

“sample” means a sample of blood, tissue or other biological material;

“specimen” means—

- (a) any bird, other animal or plant, or
- (b) any part of, or anything derived from, a bird, other animal or plant.”.

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