



Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 16

PART 1

NATURAL ENGLAND AND THE COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Powers of Secretary of State

14 Grants

- (1) The Secretary of State may make grants to Natural England of such amounts as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- (2) A grant under this section may be made subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State thinks fit.

Commencement Information

II [S. 14](#) in force at 2.5.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1176](#), [art. 4](#)

15 Guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State must give Natural England guidance as to the exercise of any functions of Natural England that relate to or affect regional planning and associated matters.

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- (2) The Secretary of State may give Natural England guidance as to the exercise of its other functions.
- (3) Before giving guidance under this section the Secretary of State must consult—
- (a) Natural England,
 - (b) the Environment Agency, and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.
- (4) The Secretary of State must publish any guidance given under this section as soon as is reasonably practicable after giving the guidance.
- (5) The power to give guidance under this section includes power to vary or revoke it.
- (6) In discharging its functions, Natural England must have regard to guidance given under this section.

Commencement Information

I2 S. 15(1) in force at 1.10.2006 by S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)

I3 S. 15(2)-(6) in force at 2.5.2006 by S.I. 2006/1176, art. 4

16 Directions

- (1) The Secretary of State may give Natural England general or specific directions as to the exercise of its functions.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to functions of Natural England that are exercisable through the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish any directions given under this section as soon as is reasonably practicable after giving the directions.
- (4) The power to give directions under this section includes power to vary or revoke the directions.
- (5) Natural England must comply with any directions given under this section.

Commencement Information

I4 S. 16 in force at 2.5.2006 by S.I. 2006/1176, art. 4

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