



Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

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PART 8

FLEXIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

CHAPTER 1

AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED BODIES

Powers to enter into agreements

79 Agreement between designated bodies

- (1) A designated body (“A”) may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, enter into an agreement with another designated body (“B”) authorising B to perform a function of A that is related to or connected with a DEFRA function—
 - (a) either in relation to the whole of England or in relation to specified areas in England;
 - (b) subject to paragraph (a), either generally or in specified cases.
“Specified” means specified in the agreement.
- (2) The Secretary of State’s approval may be given—
 - (a) in relation to a particular agreement or in relation to a description of agreements;
 - (b) unconditionally or subject to conditions specified in the approval.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5), the Secretary of State—
 - (a) must review an agreement under this section no later than the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the agreement was entered into or was last reviewed by the Secretary of State, and

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- (b) if it appears appropriate to do so in the light of the review, may cancel the agreement.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), an agreement under this section may not be varied except—
 - (a) by agreement between A and B, and
 - (b) with the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (5) An approval given under subsection (1) may provide that subsection (3) or (4) does not apply (or that both of them do not apply).
- (6) This section is subject to sections 81 and 82 (reserved functions and maximum duration of agreement).