



# Environment Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

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#### IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

##### *Environmental improvement plans*

## **10 Reviewing and revising environmental improvement plans**

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
  - (a) review the current environmental improvement plan in accordance with this section, section 11 and section 12, and
  - (b) if the Secretary of State is required to revise the plan under section 11, or considers it appropriate to revise the plan as a result of the review, revise the plan.
- (2) The period to which a revised plan relates must end at the same time as the period to which the current plan relates.
- (3) The first review of the first environmental improvement plan must be completed by 31 January 2023.
- (4) The first review of a subsequent environmental improvement plan must be completed before the end of the 5 year period beginning with the day on which it replaces the previous plan (see section 13(4)).
- (5) Subsequent reviews of an environmental improvement plan must be completed before the end of the 5 year period beginning with the day on which the previous review was completed.

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- (6) If as a result of a review the Secretary of State revises the environmental improvement plan, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament—
- (a) the revised environmental improvement plan, and
  - (b) a statement explaining the revisions and the reasons for them.
- (7) If as a result of a review the Secretary of State does not revise the environmental improvement plan, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a statement explaining that and the reasons for it.
- (8) The Secretary of State must publish the documents laid under subsection (6) or (7).
- (9) A review is completed when the Secretary of State has laid and published the documents mentioned in subsection (6) or (7).
- (10) References in this Act to an environmental improvement plan include a revised environmental improvement plan.

**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)  
**I2** S. 10 in force at 24.1.2022 by [S.I. 2022/48](#), [reg. 2\(b\)](#)

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