



Environment Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 30

PART 6

NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

Conservation

111 Wildlife conservation: licences

- (1) In section 10 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (exceptions to section 9 of that Act), in subsection (1)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), omit the final “or”;
 - (b) at the end insert “or
 - (c) anything done in relation to an animal of any species pursuant to a licence granted by Natural England under regulation 55 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 ([S.I. 2017/1012](#)) in respect of an animal or animals of that species”.
- (2) In section 16 of that Act (power to grant licences), in subsection (3)—
- (a) in paragraph (h), omit the final “or”;
 - (b) at the end insert “or
 - (j) in England, for reasons of overriding public interest”.
- (3) In that section, after subsection (3A) insert—
- “(3B) In England, the appropriate authority shall not grant a licence under subsection (3) unless it is satisfied—
- (a) that there is no other satisfactory solution, and
 - (b) that the grant of the licence is not detrimental to the survival of any population of the species of animal or plant to which the licence relates.”

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Environment Act 2021, Section 111. (See end of Document for details)

- (4) In that section, in subsections (5A)(c) and (6)(b), after “two years,” insert “or in the case of a licence granted by Natural England five years.”.
- (5) In that section, in subsection (9)(c), after “to (e)” insert “or (j)”.
- (6) In the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1012), in regulation 55(10), for “two years” substitute—
- “(a) five years, in the case of a licence granted by Natural England, or
 - (b) two years, in any other case.”

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 111 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
- I2** S. 111 in force at 30.9.2022 by [S.I. 2022/518, reg. 3\(b\)](#)

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