



Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 22

Supplementary and general

5 Interpretation

- (1) In this Act “animal” means—
 - (a) any vertebrate other than *homo sapiens*,
 - (b) any cephalopod mollusc, and
 - (c) any decapod crustacean.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend this section so as to bring invertebrates of any description within the meaning of “animal” for the purposes of this Act, where they are not already within that meaning.
- (3) Regulations under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (4) Regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument containing them has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (5) In this section “vertebrate” and “invertebrate” have the meanings given by section 1(5) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 5 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 6\(2\)](#)
- 12** [S. 5](#) in force at 22.5.2023 by [S.I. 2023/563](#), [reg. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022, Section 5.