



Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 45 11 and 12 Geo 6

PART III CONTROL OF INJURIOUS ANIMALS, BIRDS AND WEEDS

Amendments of Law relating to Killing of Hares and Rabbits

48 Amendment of 43 & 44 Vict. c. 47, s. 1.

- (1) Paragraph (3) of the proviso to section one of the Ground Game Act, 1880 (which paragraph restricts the exercise of the rights conferred by the section on the occupiers of certain lands to kill and take ground game otherwise than by the use of firearms to the period from the first day of September to the thirty-first day of March, and as regards killing and taking with firearms to the period from the eleventh day of December to the thirty-first day of March), shall cease to apply as regards killing and taking otherwise than by the use of firearms, and shall, as regards killing and taking with firearms, have effect as if for the words “eleventh day of December” the words “first day of July” were substituted.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, on the application of an occupier of land, and after affording to the landlord thereof an opportunity of making representations to the Secretary of State, whether in writing or on being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State, sanction the authorisation by such occupier of such number of persons to kill and take ground game on the land in addition to any person so authorised in pursuance of section one of the Ground Game Act, 1880, as the Secretary of State may, having regard to the extent of the land, think reasonable; and the provisions of the said section one with regard to the production by persons authorised by the occupier of the documents by which they are so authorised shall apply to any person authorised in pursuance of any such sanction as aforesaid in like manner as those provisions apply to persons authorised in pursuance of that section. The occupier shall, on authorising any person in pursuance of this subsection, forthwith give notice in writing to the landlord of the name of that person:

Provided that the number of persons who may be authorised as aforesaid shall not be increased without an opportunity being given to the landlord of making representations

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to the Secretary of State, whether in writing or on being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State.

(3) The Secretary of State may at any time—

- (a) require an occupier to withdraw any authorisation, or
- (b) recall or vary any sanction,

granted under the last foregoing subsection.

(4) Section three of the ^{M1}Ground Game Act, 1880, shall not apply to prevent the occupier of land and the owner of such land or any other person having a right to kill and take game thereon from making and enforcing agreements for the joint exercise, or the exercise for their joint benefit, of the right to kill and take ground game otherwise than by the use of firearms:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply in relation to any such agreement as aforesaid which was made after the commencement of this section and to which the tenant of a holding within the meaning of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Acts, 1923 to 1948, is a party, unless the agreement was made after the lease under which the tenant holds the land was entered into.

(5) F1

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 48(5) repealed by [Agriculture Act 1958 \(c. 71\)](#), **Sch. 3**

Marginal Citations

M1 1880 c. 47.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 50(2A) inserted by [2024 asp 4 s. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)