



Hill Farming Act 1946

1946 CHAPTER 73 9 and 10 Geo 6

Burning of Heather and Grass (England and Wales)

20 Power to regulate heather and grass burning in England and Wales.

- (1) The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries may by regulations make provision for regulating or prohibiting the burning of heather [^{F1}grass, bracken, gorse and vaccinium]on land in England or Wales, and any such regulations may be made so as to extend to the whole of England and Wales or to any specified area therein, may regulate or prohibit the burning of heather [^{F1}grass, bracken, gorse and vaccinium]at all times or during such period as may be specified in the regulations and may contain different provisions with respect to land in different parts of England and Wales and to different periods.
- (2) If any person contravenes any provision of regulations made under this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}five pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to both such fine and such imprisonment.][^{F2}level 3 on the standard scale]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by [Hill Farming Act 1985 \(c. 32, SIF 2:8\)](#), [s. 1](#)
- F2** Words “level 3 on the standard scale”substituted (E.W.) for “five pounds”onwards by virtue of [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(c. 69, SIF 4:5\)](#), [s. 72\(2\)](#) and [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 46](#)

Changes to legislation:

Hill Farming Act 1946, Section 20 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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. 227A heading substituted by [2024 asp 4 s. 23\(7\)\(d\)](#)