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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 127**

**WILDLIFE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (England  
and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd February 2016</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>5th February 2016</i>
<i>Laid before the National Assembly for Wales</i>	- -	<i>5th February 2016</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>6th April 2016</i>

The Secretary of State is designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> in relation to the environment<sup>(2)</sup>, and the Welsh Ministers are designated for those purposes in relation to the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora<sup>(3)</sup>.

The Secretary of State, in relation to England, and the Welsh Ministers, in relation to Wales, make these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

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(1) [1972 c. 68](#); section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 ([c. 51](#)) and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 ([c. 7](#)).

(2) [S.I. 2008/301](#).

(3) [S.I. 2002/248](#), amended by [S.I. 2006/3329](#), [2011/1043](#). The designation is subject to the exceptions set out in Schedule 2 to that Order. The functions conferred on the National Assembly for Wales by means of that Order are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers, the functions having been transferred by virtue of section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 ([c. 32](#)). Following the repeal of section 29 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 ([c. 38](#)), [S.I. 2002/248](#) has effect as if made under section 59(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, by virtue of section 162 of, and paragraph 28(1) of Schedule 11, to that Act.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, Introductory Text.