
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

Amendment of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

2.—(1) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) In section 1 (protection of wild birds, their nests and eggs), after subsection (3) insert the following subsection—

“(3ZA) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under subsection (2)(b) if the person shows that the egg, or the part of the egg, was in any person’s possession or control before 28th September 1982.”.

(3) In section 27 (interpretation of Part 1)⁽²⁾, in subsection (1), in the definition of “the Wild Birds Directive” for “Council [Directive 79/409/EEC](#) on the conservation of wild birds” substitute “[Directive 2009/147/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds”.

Commencement Information

11 [Reg. 2](#) in force at 6.4.2016, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽¹⁾ 1981 c. 69.

⁽²⁾ Section 27(1) was amended by [S.I. 2007/1843](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, Section 2.