

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)  
which received Royal Assent on 19th November 1998*

# **SCOTLAND ACT 1998**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SCHEDULES**

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### **Part II: Preliminary paragraphs**

### **Head C: Trade and Industry**

#### *Section D3: Coal*

#### **Details of Provisions**

##### Reservation

The reservation covers all legislation relating to coal, including in particular ownership and exploitation, deep and opencast mining and subsidence. Policy towards the UK coal industry continues to be dealt with on a UK basis by DTI Ministers, in consultation with the Scottish Ministers when appropriate. Operational matters in relation to coal reserves and the issue of mining licences are for the Coal Authority, which is a GB body and which receives grant in aid from DTI.