



Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Act 2018

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Offence and what it covers

1 Wild animals in travelling circuses: offence

- (1) A person who is a circus operator commits an offence if the person uses, or causes or permits another person to use, a wild animal in a travelling circus.
- (2) An offence under this section is committed in relation to a travelling circus only if the wild animal is transported, whether regularly or irregularly, from one place to another where it is used in the travelling circus, but—
 - (a) the animal need not be in the course of being transported for the offence to be committed,
 - (b) it is immaterial to the commission of the offence whether or not the transportation of the animal is with, or is part of, the travelling circus.
- (3) For the purpose of this section, a wild animal is used if the animal—
 - (a) performs, or
 - (b) is displayed or exhibited.
- (4) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.