

# UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 2021 asp 4

# PART 2

## ENVIRONMENT

# **CHAPTER 1**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES

#### 16 Purpose of the duties under sections 14 and 15

- (1) Those to whom the duties in sections 14 and 15 apply are to comply with the duties with a view to—
  - (a) protecting and improving the environment, and
  - (b) contributing to sustainable development.
- (2) In subsection (1), "the environment"—
  - (a) means all, or any, of the air, water and land (including the earth's crust), and "air" includes the air within buildings and the air within other natural or manmade structures above or below ground, and
  - (b) includes wild animal and plant life and the habitats of wild animal and plant life.
- (3) In subsection (2)(b), "animal and plant life" includes any living organisms.

**Commencement Information** 

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S. 16 in force at 16.11.2023 by S.S.I. 2023/310, reg. 3(c)

## Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, Section 16.