

# Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018

### PART 4

**FELLING** 

#### **CHAPTER 3**

#### FELLING PERMISSION

## 30 Suspension of felling permission

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may suspend a felling permission if subsection (2) or (3) applies.
- (2) This subsection applies if the Scottish Ministers have reason to believe—
  - (a) that a felling permission has not been complied with, is not being complied with or is likely not to be complied with,
  - (b) that that has resulted in, is resulting in, or is likely to result in, harm to the environment or to any living thing, and
  - (c) that, for the purpose of allowing the Scottish Ministers to investigate the circumstances mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b)—
    - (i) in a case where felling has not begun, felling should not begin,
    - (ii) in a case where felling has begun, felling should stop immediately.
- (3) This subsection applies if the Scottish Ministers have reason to believe that, to prevent or minimise harm to the environment or to any living thing—
  - (a) in a case where felling has not begun, felling should not begin,
  - (b) in a case where felling has begun, felling should stop immediately.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers must give a notice suspending a felling permission to the person to whom the felling permission was granted.
- (5) The notice must—

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- (a) set out the Scottish Ministers' reasons for making the suspension,
- (b) specify the effect of the suspension on the felling permission,
- (c) specify the date on which the suspension takes effect (which must not be earlier than the date on which the notice is given under subsection (4)), and
- (d) specify the period for which the suspension is to have effect.

#### **Commencement Information**

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