



# Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 55

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART 3A

#### RELINQUISHING AND ASSIGNATION OF HOLDINGS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### TENANT'S OFFER TO RELINQUISH HOLDING

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Landlord's response to tenant's offer to quit tenancy*

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 3A inserted (23.12.2016 for specified purposes, 28.2.2021 in so far as not already in force) by [Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 18\)](#), ss. **110(2)**, 130(1) (with s. 128); S.S.I. 2016/365, reg. 2; S.S.I. 2020/428, reg. 2

#### **32Q Landlord's acceptance of notice of intention to relinquish**

- (1) The section applies where the landlord wishes to accept the tenant's notice of intention to relinquish.
- (2) The landlord must—
  - (a) serve notice on the tenant which complies with subsection (3), and
  - (b) pay the amount of compensation calculated under section 32L before the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (5).
- (3) A notice complies with this subsection if it—
  - (a) is served before the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (4), and
  - (b) states that the landlord will, in exchange for the tenant quitting the tenancy, pay to the tenant—

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- (i) the amount of compensation assessed by the valuer and specified in the notice of assessment, or
  - (ii) where the Lands Tribunal has determined under section 32N(3)(b) that the compensation should be a different amount, that amount.
- (4) The period referred to in subsection (3)(a) is the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the period, within which the tenant may, under section 32P, withdraw the notice of intention to relinquish, expires.
- (5) The period referred to in subsection (2)(b) is the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the period, within which the tenant may, under section 32P, withdraw the notice of intention to relinquish, expires.
- (6) A notice served under subsection (2)(a) is a “notice of acceptance”.
- (7) The landlord must, at the same time as serving a notice of acceptance, send a copy of the notice to the Tenant Farming Commissioner.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations specify the form and content of notices of acceptance.
- (9) Regulations under subsection (8) are subject to the negative procedure.

### **32R Notice of declinature**

- (1) The landlord may, at any time before the expiry of the period of 28 days mentioned in section 32Q(4), serve notice on the tenant stating that the landlord does not wish to accept the notice of intention to relinquish.
- (2) A notice served under subsection (1) is a “notice of declinature”.
- (3) The landlord must, at the same time as serving a notice of declinature, send a copy of the notice to—
- (a) the Tenant Farming Commissioner,
  - (b) any valuer appointed under section 32G(2) or, as the case may be, 32H(5)(b).
- (4) Where the landlord serves notice of declinature—
- (a) if no person has been appointed as the valuer under section 32G(2), the Tenant Farming Commissioner need not so appoint a person,
  - (b) if a valuer has been appointed under section 32G(2) or, as the case may be, 32H(5)(b), the valuer's appointment comes to an end.

### **32S Withdrawal of notice of acceptance**

- (1) A landlord may, at any time before the expiry of the period of 6 months mentioned in section 32Q(5), withdraw a notice of acceptance by serving notice in writing on the tenant.
- (2) A notice served under subsection (1) is a “notice of withdrawal”.
- (3) The landlord must, at the same time as serving notice of withdrawal, send a copy of the notice to the Tenant Farming Commissioner.
- (4) The tenant is entitled to recover from the landlord any loss or expense incurred in reliance on the landlord's notice of acceptance.]

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