



Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 24

1 General purpose of section 2 and definitions.

- (1) The purpose of section 2 is to enable provision to be made for or in connection with—
- ^[F1](a) [Directive 2010/75/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control);]
 - (b) regulating ^[F2], otherwise than in pursuance of that Directive,] activities which are capable of causing any environmental pollution;
 - (c) otherwise preventing or controlling emissions capable of causing any such pollution.
- (2) In this Act—
- “activities” means activities of any nature, whether—
- (a) industrial or commercial or other activities, or
 - (b) carried on on particular premises or otherwise,
- and includes (with or without other activities) the depositing, keeping or disposal of any substance;
- “environmental pollution” means pollution of the air, water or land which may give rise to any harm; and for the purposes of this definition (but without prejudice to its generality)—
- (a) “pollution” includes pollution caused by noise, heat or vibrations or any other kind of release of energy, and
 - (b) “air” includes air within buildings and air within other natural or man-made structures above or below ground.
- (3) In the definition of “environmental pollution” in subsection (2), “harm” means—
- (a) harm to the health of human beings or other living organisms;
 - (b) harm to the quality of the environment, including—
 - (i) harm to the quality of the environment taken as a whole,
 - (ii) harm to the quality of the air, water or land, and
 - (iii) other impairment of, or interference with, the ecological systems of which any living organisms form part;
 - (c) offence to the senses of human beings;

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- (d) damage to property; or
- (e) impairment of, or interference with, amenities or other legitimate uses of the environment (expressions used in this paragraph having the same meaning as in ^{F3}Directive 2010/75/EU).

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(1)(a) substituted (17.9.2018) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/942\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 1(b) repealed (S.) (30.6.2014) by [Regulatory Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 3\)](#), s. 61(2), **Sch. 3 para. 7(b)**; [S.S.I. 2014/160](#), art. 2(1)(2), Sch.
- F3** Words in s. 1(3)(e) substituted (17.9.2018) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/942\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(2)(b)**

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