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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND ENTRY FOR EXPLORATORY PURPOSES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 4 applied (E.W.) (11.8.2022) by [The Sizewell C \(Nuclear Generating Station\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/853\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 18 para. 5\(4\)](#) (with arts. 62, 76, 87)

Entry on land for exploratory purposes: England and Wales

- 6 (1) A person—
- (a) nominated by a code operator, and
 - (b) duly authorised in writing by the Secretary of State,
- may, at any reasonable time, enter upon and survey land in England and Wales for the purpose of ascertaining whether the land would be suitable for use by the code operator for, or in connection with, the establishment or running of the operator's network.
- (2) This paragraph does not apply in relation to land covered by buildings or used as a garden or pleasure ground.
- (3) Sections 324(8) and 325(1) to (5), (8) and (9) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8) (supplementary provisions relating to powers of entry) have effect in relation to the power conferred by this paragraph—
- (a) as they have effect in relation to the powers conferred by section 324 of that Act; but
 - (b) subject to the modifications set out in sub-paragraph (4).
- (4) Those modifications are—
- (a) in section 324(8) (power to search and bore for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the subsoil or the presence of minerals) omit “or the presence of minerals therein”; and
 - (b) in section 325(1) (24 hours' notice to be given of an intended entry upon occupied land) for “24 hours” substitute “28 days”.
- (5) Where, in an exercise of the power conferred by this paragraph, any damage is caused to land or to chattels, the code operator must—
- (a) make good the damage; or
 - (b) pay compensation in respect of the damage to every person interested in the land or chattels.
- (6) Where, in consequence of an exercise of the power conferred by this paragraph, a person is disturbed in his enjoyment of land or chattels, the code operator must pay that person compensation in respect of the disturbance.

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(7) Section 118 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8) (determination of disputes as to compensation) applies to any question of disputed compensation under this paragraph as it applies to such questions under Part 4 of that Act.

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 4 para. 6 in force at 25.7.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3))
- I2** Sch. 4 para. 6 in force at 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with [art. 11](#))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1900, art. 3(2) by [S.I. 2003/3142 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/1492 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 by [S.I. 2004/697 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 art. 4 Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2004/545 art. 2](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 3B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 48\(1\)](#)
- Pt 4A Ch. 1 heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(2\)](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 2 and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(5\)](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 3 inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 5](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 4 heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 2](#)
- Pt. 4A Ch. 5 heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 9](#)
- s. 362AZ12(6) applied by 1990 c. 42, s. 18A(5) (as inserted) by [2024 c. 15 s. 19\(3\)](#)
- s. 362AZ12(6) applied by 1996 c. 55, s. 98(2D) (as substituted) by [2024 c. 15 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 124Q(7)(a) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52](#)
- s. 148A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 73\(2\)](#)
- s. 198B(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 30\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 198B(3A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 30\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 198AA inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 30\(2\)](#)
- s. 204A-204C substituted for s. 204-206 by [2024 c. 15 s. 32\(2\)](#)
- s. 245(1)(c) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 245(3A)-(3C) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 46\(3\)](#)
- s. 264(3)-(8F) substituted for s. 264(3)-(8) by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 264(10A)(10B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 264(11)-(11B) substituted for s. 264(11) by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 264(13)-(16) substituted for s. 264(13) by [2024 c. 15 s. 1\(5\)](#)
- s. 265(6)(7) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 3\(4\)](#)
- s. 266(2A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 270(3)(ca) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 6\(3\)](#)
- s. 270(4A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 6\(4\)](#)
- s. 270(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 6\(7\)](#)
- s. 277(12A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 8\(9\)](#)
- s. 277(14) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 8\(11\)](#)
- s. 278(1)(1A) substituted for s. 278(1) by [2024 c. 15 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 278(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 278(12) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 278A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 10](#)
- s. 278B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 11](#)
- s. 278C inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 12](#)
- s. 285(3)(h) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 13\(3\)](#)

- s. 285(10) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 13\(4\)](#)
- s. 286(1)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 286(1)(a) by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 286(3)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 286(3)(a) by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 286(8) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(6\)](#)
- s. 288(1)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 288(1)(a) by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 288(6) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 14\(10\)](#)
- s. 290(5) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 15\(3\)](#)
- s. 290(6) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 15\(4\)](#)
- s. 315(6)(c) omitted by [2024 c. 15 s. 47\(9\)](#)
- s. 315A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 44\(9\)](#)
- s. 335B(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 12 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 338A338B and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 18](#)
- s. 351(4)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 58\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 351(5)(aa) substituted for s. 351(5)(a) by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 58\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 353(4)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 59\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 359A and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 45](#)
- s. 368B(A2) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(4\)](#)
- s. 368E(3)(zza) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 12 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 368E(5)(d)(e) inserted by [2017 c. 30 s. 94\(3\)](#)
- s. 368I(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 3\(4\)](#)
- s. 368I(8A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 8](#)
- s. 368K(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 368M(2A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 368O368OZA substituted for s. 368O by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 11\(1\)](#)
- s. 368AA368AB inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 37\(3\)](#)
- s. 368BB(7) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 3](#)
- s. 368IA(8A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 9](#)
- s. 368NA(8A)(8B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 6 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 368OB and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 38\(1\)](#)
- s. 368QA inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 8 para. 12\(1\)](#)
- s. 392A and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 49\(2\)](#)
- s. 392B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 49\(4\)](#)
- s. 393(6)(ab) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 38\(2\)](#)
- s. 400(1)(ha) words inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 9 para. 4](#)
- s. 402(2A)(zza) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 46\(4\)](#)
- s. 402(2A)(zzb) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 44\(10\)](#)
- s. 402(2A)(za)(zb) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 2](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 21(6) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 37(3)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 84(1)(aza) inserted by [2022 c. 46 Sch. para. 3\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 103(1)(ca) inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 70](#)
- Sch. 3A para. 119A inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 72](#)
- Sch. 3A Pt. 4ZA inserted by [2022 c. 46 s. 67\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 9 para. 1(1)(ab) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 62](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 1(15) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 1\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 7(14) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 2\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 8(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 3\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 8(13) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 3\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 10(1)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 4\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 10(4)(h) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 4\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 10(12) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 4\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 4(2A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 4 para. 52\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 3(6)-(7B) substituted for Sch. 12 para. 3(6)(7) by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 4 para. 51\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 12 para. 8(1)-(1C) substituted for Sch. 12 para. 8(1) by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 1 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 16A inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 10](#)

– Sch. 16B inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 11](#)