
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 (“the Act”) into force on 27th November 2003, except for—

- Part 2 of the Act (tenant’s right to buy land) other than those provisions which allow the Scottish Ministers to make orders or regulations or issue guidance under that Part;
- the provisions already in force under Part 6 of the Act (rights of certain persons where tenant is a partnership); and
- the provisions already in force under Part 8 of the Act (general provisions).

The Act received Royal Assent on 22nd April 2003.

The Order also makes transitional and savings provision in relation to the amendments in the Act which affect agricultural holdings under the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 (article 3 and the Schedule). Provision is made for things done under provisions of that Act relating to lets approved by the Scottish Ministers, grazing or mowing lets, interdict against or damages for cropping or disposal of produce, records of the condition of holdings, notices to quit and notices of intention to quit, compensation claims, ongoing arbitrations and sheep stock valuations.

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order—

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.S.I.No.</i>
s. 72 (partially);	22nd May 2003	2003/248
s. 70(7) and (8) (partially).		
s. 72(10);	1st July 2003	2003/305
s. 73;		
s. 70(7) and (8) (partially).		