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The Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024

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THE MANAGEMENT OF HEDGEROWS  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2024

PART 1

Introduction

1. Citation, commencement, extent and application
2. Interpretation

PART 2

Management of hedgerows

3. Hedgerows to which these Regulations apply
4. Prescribed criteria for “important” hedgerows
5. General maintenance requirements for important hedgerows
6. Cutting and trimming of important hedgerows

PART 3

Offences

7. Offences
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PART 4

Enforcement

9. Enforcement
10. Civil sanctions
11. Non-compliance penalty
12. Enforcement cost recovery notices
13. Recovery of payments

14. Withdrawing or amending a notice
15. Appeals
16. Guidance as to use of civil sanctions and enforcement of relevant offences
17. Guidance as to use of non-compliance penalties
18. Consultation on guidance
19. Publication of enforcement action
20. Right to enter and inspect
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22. Powers of entry and examination etc.

## PART 5

### Review

23. Review  
Signature

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## SCHEDULES

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2. Contents of a stop notice
3. Appeals
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### SCHEDULE 2 — Variable monetary penalties, compliance notices and restoration notices

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Explanatory Note