



Forestry Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 21

E+W+S

An Act to re-state the power of the Forestry Commissioners to make grants and loans; and to provide for the metrication of enactments relating to forestry and forest lands. [29th March 1979]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act: powers transferred (1.7.1999) by virtue of [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.1](#)

Commencement Information

II Act wholly in force at 29.5.1979, see [s. 3\(3\)](#)

1 Finance for forestry. **E+W+S**

(1) The Forestry Commissioners may, with Treasury approval [^{F1}as regards England ^{F2}..., and the approval of the Scottish Ministers as regards Scotland], make grants and loans to owners and lessees of land [^{F3}in England and Scotland] for and in connection with the use and management of the land for forestry purposes.

[^{F4}(2) Any such grant or loan shall be payable in accordance with section 41 of the Forestry Act 1967.]

^{F5}[(3) In the application of this section to land in Scotland which constitutes or is part of a common grazing for which a grazings committee or a grazings constable has been appointed under section 24 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955, the references to owners and lessees shall be construed as references to the grazings committee or, as the case may be, the grazings constable.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 1(1) inserted (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1747](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. 12 Pt. II para. 6\(a\)](#)

F2 Words in s. 1(1) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 156\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 7](#))

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- F3** Words in s. 1(1) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 156(3)** (with Sch. 7)
- F4** S. 1(2) substituted (16.3.2000) by [S.I. 2000/746](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 8**
- F5** S. 1(3) added (S.) (1.4.1992) by [Crofter Forestry \(Scotland\) Act 1991 \(c. 18, SIF 2:4\)](#), s. 3(1); [S.I. 1992/504](#), art. 2 (which amendment is saved (S.) (5.1.1994) by [1993 c. 44](#), ss. 63(1), 64(2) Sch. 6 para. 6 (notwithstanding the repeal of s. 3 of that 1991 Act by [1993 c.44](#))).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 1 amended (S.) (27.5.1997) by [1997 c. 8](#), ss. 166(1)(b), 278(2)

2 Metrication of measurements. E+W+S

- (1) The ^{M1}Forestry Act 1967 is amended as shown in Schedule 1 to this Act (the amendments being substitute metric units of measurement throughout the Act).
- (2) [^{F6}The appropriate authority] may by regulations amend enactments to which this subsection applies so as to substitute—
- for any reference to a number of acres, a reference to a number of hectares;
 - for any reference to a number of feet, a reference to a number of metres; and
 - for any requirement that plans be made on the scale of 3 chains to an inch, a requirement that they be made on the scale of 1 : 2,500;
- and for this purpose “number” includes a number less than unity.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies to any enactment contained in an Act (whether public general, local or private) relating to particular forest lands in England and Wales.
- (4) Before making any such regulations, [^{F7}the appropriate authority] shall consult such persons and organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be affected.
- (5) The regulations—
- may contain such incidental, supplementary and consequential provisions (if any) as [^{F8}the appropriate authority] consider expedient; and
 - shall be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament [^{F9}(in the case of regulations made by the Forestry Commissioners) or of the National Assembly for Wales (in the case of regulations made by the Welsh Ministers)].
- [^{F10}(6) In this section “the appropriate authority” means—
- in relation to England, the Forestry Commissioners;
 - in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers.]

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in s. 2(2) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 157(2)** (with Sch. 7)
- F7** Words in s. 2(4) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 157(3)** (with Sch. 7)
- F8** Words in s. 2(5)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 157(4)(a)** (with Sch. 7)
- F9** Words in s. 2(5)(b) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 157(4)(b)** (with Sch. 7)

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F10 S. 2(6) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 157\(5\)](#) (with Sch. 7)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 The text of s. 2(1) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M1 [1967 c. 10.](#)

3 Citation, etc. E+W+S

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Forestry Act 1979; and the ^{M2}Forestry Act 1967 and this Act may be cited together as the Forestry Acts 1967 and 1979.
- (2) The Forestry Act 1967 is repealed to the extent specified in Schedule 2 to this Act.
- (3) This Act comes into force at the expiration of two months from the date on which it is passed.
- (4) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 The text of s. 3(2) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 **E+W+S**

Section 2(1).

METRICATION OF 1967 ACT

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** The text of Sch. 1 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

In section 9 (requirement of felling licence; exemptions from that requirement)—

in subsection (2)(a), for “3 inches” and “6 inches” substitute respectively “ 8 centimetres ” and “ 15 centimetres ” ;

in subsection (3)(a), for “4 inches” substitute “ 10 centimetres ”;

in subsection (3)(b), for “825 cubic feet” and “150 cubic feet”, substitute respectively “ 30 cubic metres ” and “ 5.5 cubic metres ”;

in subsection (5)(a), for “3 inches” and “4 inches”, substitute respectively “ 8 centimetres ” and “ 10 centimetres ”, and for “825 cubic feet” and “150 cubic feet” substitute respectively “ 30 cubic metres ” and “ 5.5 cubic metres ”;

in subsection (5)(b), for “6 inches” substitute “ 15 centimetres ”;

in subsection (5)(c), for “825 cubic feet” and “150 cubic feet” substitute respectively “ 30 cubic metres ” and “ 5.5 cubic metres ”; and

in subsection (6) for “five feet” substitute “ 1.3 metres ”.

In section 43(1) (satisfaction of contingent liability to Crown Estate), for “five acres” substitute “ 2 hectares ”.

SCHEDULE 2 **E+W+S**

Section 3(2)

REPEALS IN 1967 ACT

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** The text of Sch. 2 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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Section 4.

In section 9(6), the words from “and references to the cubic content” onwards.

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