



Environment Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 25

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An Act to provide for the establishment of a body corporate to be known as the Environment Agency and a body corporate to be known as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; to provide for the transfer of functions, property, rights and liabilities to those bodies and for the conferring of other functions on them; to make provision with respect to contaminated land and abandoned mines; to make further provision in relation to National Parks; to make further provision for the control of pollution, the conservation of natural resources and the conservation or enhancement of the environment; to make provision for imposing obligations on certain persons in respect of certain products or materials; to make provision in relation to fisheries; to make provision for certain enactments to bind the Crown; to make provision with respect to the application of certain enactments in relation to the Isles of Scilly; and for connected purposes. [19th July 1995]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Extent Information

E1 For the extent of this Act see s. 125(7)-(10).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act (except specified provisions): transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C2** Transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#) (as amended (E.W.) (17.3.2004 for specified purposes) by [Water Act 2003](#) (c. 37), [ss. 100\(5\)\(6\)](#), 105(3) (with s. 100(7)); [S.I. 2004/641](#), [arts. 2\(b\)](#), 3(x) (with [Sch. 3 para. 7](#)))
- C3** [Act modified \(E.\) \(4.8.2006\) by \[The Radioactive Contaminated Land \\(Modification of Enactments\\) \\(England\\) Regulations 2006\]\(#\) \(S.I. 2006/1379\), \[reg. 18\]\(#\)](#)

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- C4** Act: power to amend conferred (E.W.) (1.10.2010) by [Flood and Water Management Act 2010 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 28, 49\(3\)](#) (with [s. 49\(1\)\(6\)](#)); [S.I. 2010/2169](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)
- C5** Act applied in part (Isles of Scilly) (with modifications) (E.W.) (27.3.2020) by [The Isles of Scilly \(Application of Water Legislation\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/214\)](#), [art. 4](#)
- C6** Act restricted (25.5.2020) by [The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/511\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 6](#)

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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):

- s. 82(1A) inserted by [2024 asc 2 s. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 83B inserted by [2024 asc 2 s. 17\(1\)](#)
- s. 85(3)(e)(f) inserted by [2024 asc 2 s. 18\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 7(4A)(4B) inserted by [2007 c. 28 Sch. 14 para. 4\(3\)](#)