



Treasure Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 24

Rewards, codes of practice and report

11 Codes of practice.

- (1) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) prepare a code of practice relating to treasure;
 - (b) keep the code under review; and
 - (c) revise it when appropriate.
- (2) The code must, in particular, set out the principles and practice to be followed by the Secretary of State—
 - (a) when considering to whom treasure should be offered;
 - (b) when making a determination under section 10; and
 - (c) where the Crown's title to treasure is disclaimed.
- (3) The code may include guidance for—
 - (a) those who search for or find treasure; and
 - (b) museums and others who exercise functions in relation to treasure.
- (4) Before preparing the code or revising it, the Secretary of State must consult such persons appearing to him to be interested as he thinks appropriate.
- (5) A copy of the code and of any proposed revision of the code shall be laid before Parliament.
- (6) Neither the code nor any revision shall come into force until approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (7) The Secretary of State must publish the code in whatever way he considers appropriate for bringing it to the attention of those interested.
- (8) If the Secretary of State considers that different provision should be made for—
 - (a) England and Wales, and
 - (b) Northern Ireland,

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or that different provision should otherwise be made for treasure found in different areas, he may prepare two or more separate codes.

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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. 8(5)(6) substituted for s. 8(5) by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(4\)](#)
- s. 8(7) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(5\)](#)
- s. 10(5)(d) inserted by [2009 c. 25 s. 30\(2\)](#)