



# Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 16

### PART 8

#### FLEXIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED BODIES

#### *Powers to enter into agreements*

#### **79 Agreement between designated bodies**

- (1) A designated body (“A”) may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, enter into an agreement with another designated body (“B”) authorising B to perform a function of A that is related to or connected with a DEFRA [<sup>F1</sup>or DESNZ] function—
  - (a) either in relation to the whole of England or in relation to specified areas in England;
  - (b) subject to paragraph (a), either generally or in specified cases.  
“Specified” means specified in the agreement.
- (2) The Secretary of State's approval may be given—
  - (a) in relation to a particular agreement or in relation to a description of agreements;
  - (b) unconditionally or subject to conditions specified in the approval.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5), the Secretary of State—
  - (a) must review an agreement under this section no later than the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the agreement was entered into or was last reviewed by the Secretary of State, and

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- (b) if it appears appropriate to do so in the light of the review, may cancel the agreement.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), an agreement under this section may not be varied except—
- (a) by agreement between A and B, and
  - (b) with the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (5) An approval given under subsection (1) may provide that subsection (3) or (4) does not apply (or that both of them do not apply).
- (6) This section is subject to sections 81 and 82 (reserved functions and maximum duration of agreement).

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 79(1) substituted (3.5.2023) by [The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions \(National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/424\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 13(2)(b)** (with art. 17)
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#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 79 in force at 31.5.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1382](#), **art. 2**

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