



# Ivory Act 2018

## 2018 CHAPTER 30

### *Prohibition*

#### **1 Prohibition on dealing in ivory**

- (1) Dealing in ivory is prohibited.
- (2) “Dealing” in ivory means—
  - (a) buying, selling or hiring it;
  - (b) offering or arranging to buy, sell or hire it;
  - (c) keeping it for sale or hire;
  - (d) exporting it from the United Kingdom for sale or hire;
  - (e) importing it into the United Kingdom for sale or hire.
- (3) For the purposes of this section—
  - (a) buying includes acquiring for valuable consideration;
  - (b) selling includes disposing of for valuable consideration;
  - (c) offering includes advertising and inviting to treat.
- (4) In subsection (2)—
  - (a) a reference in paragraph (b) to buying or hiring ivory does not include buying ivory, or hiring it as the borrower, outside the United Kingdom;
  - (b) a reference in paragraph (b) or (c) to selling or hiring ivory includes selling ivory, or hiring it as the lender, outside the United Kingdom.
- (5) In this section “ivory” includes—
  - (a) an item made of ivory;
  - (b) an item that has ivory in it.

(See further section 37.)

- (6) Sections 2 and 6 to 9 set out exceptions to the prohibition.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 1 in force at 1.2.2022 for specified purposes by S.I. 2022/93, **reg. 2**
- I2** S. 1 in force at 6.6.2022 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2022/288, **reg. 2** (with reg. 5)

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