



Environment Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 30

PART 7

CONSERVATION COVENANTS

Miscellaneous

136 Duty of responsible bodies to make annual return

- (1) A designated body must make an annual return to the Secretary of State stating whether, during the period to which the return relates, there were any conservation covenants under which an obligation was owed to it as the responsible body.
- (2) If there were any such conservation covenants, the annual return must—
 - (a) state the number of conservation covenants;
 - (b) state, for each conservation covenant, the area of the land in relation to which the body was owed any obligation as the responsible body.
- (3) The annual return must also give any information that is prescribed under subsection (4).
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about annual returns to be made by a designated body.
- (5) The provision which may be made under subsection (4) includes, in particular, provision—
 - (a) prescribing information to be included in an annual return (but see subsection (10)), and
 - (b) provision as to the period to which an annual return is to relate and the date by which an annual return is to be made.
- (6) Subject to any provision made as mentioned in subsection (5)(b)—
 - (a) the period to which an annual return is to relate, and
 - (b) the date by which an annual return is to be made,

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are such period and date as the Secretary of State may direct.

- (7) On giving a direction under subsection (6) the Secretary of State must take all reasonable steps to draw the direction to the attention of each responsible body affected by it.
- (8) A direction under subsection (6) may be varied or revoked by a further such direction.
- (9) Regulations under subsection (4) and directions under subsection (6) may make—
 - (a) provision of general application, or
 - (b) provision applicable only to one or more particular responsible bodies or to responsible bodies of a particular description.
- (10) Any information prescribed for inclusion in an annual return made by a designated body must be information about or connected with—
 - (a) the designated body;
 - (b) its activities over the period to which the return relates;
 - (c) any conservation covenant under which an obligation was owed to it as the responsible body during that period;
 - (d) the land in relation to which it was owed such an obligation.
- (11) Regulations under this section are subject to the negative procedure.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 136 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
- 12** S. 136 in force at 30.9.2022 by [S.I. 2022/48](#), [reg. 5\(a\)](#)

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