



# Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

## 1949 CHAPTER 55

### PART I

#### RATS AND MICE

#### **2 Duties of local authorities**

- (1) It shall be the duty of every local authority to take such steps as may be necessary to secure so far as practicable that their district is kept free from rats and mice, and in particular—
  - (a) from time to time to carry out such inspections as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid ;
  - (b) to destroy rats and mice on land of which they are the occupier and otherwise to keep such land so far as practicable free from rats and mice ;
  - (c) to enforce the duties of owners and occupiers of land under the following provisions of this Part of this Act, and to carry out such operations as are authorised by those provisions.
- (2) Every local authority shall keep such records and make such reports relating to their functions under this Part of this Act as may be required by any directions given by the Minister thereunder.