



National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

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PART I

THE NATIONAL PARKS COMMISSION

[^{F1}1 The Countryside Commission and the Countryside Council for Wales.

- (1) There shall be a [^{F2}Countryside Agency] which shall exercise functions in relation to England for the purposes specified in subsection (2) below; and the Countryside Council for Wales (established by section 128 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) shall exercise corresponding functions in relation to Wales for the corresponding purposes specified in section 130(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- (2) The purposes for which the functions of [^{F3}the Agency] are exercisable are—
 - (a) the preservation and enhancement of natural beauty in England, both in the areas designated under this Act as National Parks or as areas of outstanding natural beauty and elsewhere;
 - (b) encouraging the provision or improvement, for persons resorting to National Parks, of facilities for the enjoyment thereof and for the enjoyment of the opportunities for open-air recreation and the study of nature afforded thereby.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1 headed “The Countryside Commission and the Countryside Council for Wales.” substituted (1.4.1991) by [Environmental Protection Act 1990](#) (c. 43, SIF 46:4), s. 130(1), [Sch. 8 para. 1\(2\)](#); S.I. 1991/685, [art. 3](#)
- F2** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (20.2.1999) by S.I. 1999/416, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (20.2.1999) by S.I. 1999/416, [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 para. 1\(5\)](#)

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2 F4

Textual Amendments

F4 Ss. 2, 4 repealed and superseded by [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(c. 169, SIF 4:5\)](#), s. 47, [Sch. 17 Pt. II](#)

3 Power of Minister to give directions to Commission.

- (1) The Minister may give to [^{F5}the Agency][^{F6}or to the Council] such directions of a general character as appear to him expedient in relation to the exercise of their functions, and [^{F5}the Agency][^{F6}or Council] shall comply with directions given under this section.
- (2) As soon as may be after giving a direction under this section the Minister shall, unless in his opinion it is against the interests of national security so to do, cause a notice setting out the direction to be published in such manner as appears to him to be requisite for informing persons and bodies of persons concerned.

Textual Amendments

F5 Words in s. 3(1) substituted (20.2.1999) by [S.I. 1999/416, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 1\(5\)](#)

F6 Words in s. 3(1) inserted (1.4.1991) by [Environmental Protection Act 1990 \(c. 43, SIF 46:4\)](#), s. 130(1), [Sch. 8 para. 1\(3\)](#); [S.I. 1991/685, art. 3](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Functions of Minister under this section, except functions of giving directions (a) not relating to Wales (not transferred) and (b) functions relating to Wales only (exercisable by secretary of State), now exercisable jointly with Secretary of State: [S.I. 1967/486, art. 2\(3\)\(4\)](#)

4 F7

Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 2, 4 repealed and superseded by [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(c. 169, SIF 4:5\)](#), s. 47, [Sch. 17 Pt. II](#)

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