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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1160

The Hedgerows Regulations 1997

PROSPECTIVE

Application of Regulations

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), these Regulations apply to any hedgerow growing in, or adjacent to, any common land, protected land, or land used for agriculture, forestry or the breeding or keeping of horses, ponies or donkeys, if—

- (a) it has a continuous length of, or exceeding, 20 metres; or
- (b) it has a continuous length of less than 20 metres and, at each end, meets (whether by intersection or junction) another hedgerow.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a hedgerow is also one to which these Regulations apply if it is a stretch of hedgerow forming part of a hedgerow such as is described in paragraph (1).

(3) These Regulations do not apply to any hedgerow within the curtilage of, or marking a boundary of the curtilage of, a dwelling-house.

(4) A hedgerow which meets (whether by intersection or junction) another hedgerow is to be treated as ending at the point of intersection or junction.

(5) For the purposes of ascertaining the length of any hedgerow—

- (a) any gap resulting from a contravention of these Regulations; and
- (b) any gap not exceeding 20 metres,

shall be treated as part of the hedgerow.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 3 in force at 1.6.1997, see [reg. 1](#)

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- Regulations excluded by [S.I. 2016/818 art. 31\(4\)\(5\)](#)
- Regulations excluded by [S.I. 2017/330 art. 22\(4\)](#)
- reg. 3 coming into force by [S.I. 1997/1160 reg. 1](#)
- reg. 3(3) excluded by [Si 2014/3263, Sch. 2 para. 5\(1A\)](#) as Inserted by [S.I. 2015/1997 reg. 14\(5\)\(b\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 6(4) inserted by [S.I. 2015/377 Sch. para. 35\(3\)](#)