
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 158

The Heather and Grass etc. Burning (England) Regulations 2021

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“burning season” means—

- (a) in relation to land which is within an upland area, the period from 1st October in one year to 15th April in the following year, both dates inclusive; and
- (b) in relation to land which is not within an upland area, the period from 1st November in one year to 31st March in the following year, both dates inclusive;

“designated site” means a site that is a—

- (a) European site within the meaning given by regulation 8(1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017⁽¹⁾; and
- (b) site of special scientific interest within the meaning of section 52(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981⁽²⁾;

“specified vegetation” means heather, rough grass, bracken, gorse or vaccinium;

“upland area” means all the land shown coloured pink on the map marked as “Map of Upland Area in England” held by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs but does not include the land coloured pink in the Isles of Scilly⁽³⁾.

(1) [S.I. 2017/1012](#), amended by [S.I. 2019/579](#); there is another amending instrument but it is not relevant.

(2) [1981 c.69](#). The definition of “site of special scientific interest” was inserted by paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 9 to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 ([c. 37](#)).

(3) The map may be inspected upon application to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs at 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.