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3 Leases for grazing or mowing

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- After section 37 (notice of termination of tenancy) of the...
- (1) In section 16 (provisions relating to leases) of the...
- In paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Conveyancing and...
- In section 8 (which makes provision concerning property let under...
- 5 In section 13 (transfer of tenancy) of the Matrimonial Homes...
- In section 25(1) (interpretation) of the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984,...
- In section 7 (interpretation of sections 4 to 6) of...
- 8 Agriculture Act 1986 (c. 49)
- 9 In section 16 (rent arbitrations: milk quotas), after subsection (2)...
- 10 (1) In paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 2 (tenants' compensation for...
- 11 The 1991 Act
- 12 In section 4 (written leases and the revision of certain...
- 13 In section 5 (fixed equipment and insurance premiums), subsection (5)...
- In section 9 (arbitration as to permanent pasture)— 14
- In section 13 (variation of rent)— (a) in subsection (1)—... 15
- 16 For section 14 (arbitrations under sections 4 and 5) substitute—...
- 17 In section 15 (increase of rent for certain improvements by...
- 18 In section 19 (payments for implements, etc., sold on quitting),...
- 19 In section 20 (removal of tenant for non-payment of rent)—...
- 20 In section 21 (notice to guit and notice of intention...
- 21 In section 23 (consent by Land Court or arbitration on...
- 22 In section 31 (reduction of rent where tenant dispossessed of...
- 23 In section 32 (further restrictions on operation of certain notices...
- 24 In section 34(6) (right to compensation for improvements), for the...
- 25 In section 36(4) (amount of compensation), for the word "arbiter"...
- 26 In section 37(1) (consent necessary for some improvements), the
- 27 In section 41 (direction by Land Court that holding be...
- 28 In section 43 (compensation for disturbance)—(a) in subsection (3),...
- 29 In section 46 (compensation for failure to repair or maintain...
- 30 In section 49 (compensation provisions to apply to parts of...
- 31 In section 50 (determination of claims for compensation where holding...
- 32 In section 52 (compensation for damage by game), for the...
- 33 In section 55 (provisions supplementary to section 54), in subsection...
- 34 In section 62 (claims on termination of tenancy)—
- Sections 63 and 64 are repealed. 35
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- 37 In section 68 (sheep stock valuation)—(a) in subsection (1)—...
- 38 Sections 69 and 70 are repealed.

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- 39 In section 71 (statement of sales of stock), after the...
- 40 In section 72 (interpretation of sections 68 to 71), paragraphs...
- 41 In section 80 (determination of matters where the Scottish Ministers...
- 42 In section 85 (interpretation), at the appropriate place there is...
- 43 In section 86 (construction of certain references), for the words...
- 44 Schedule 7 is repealed.
- 45 In Schedule 8 (supplementary provisions with respect to payments under...
- 46 In Schedule 9 (valuation of sheep stock in respect of...
- 47 In Schedule 10 (valuation of sheep stock in respect of...
- 48 In Schedule 1 to the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992,...
- 49 In the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993—(a) in section 29...
- 50 In section 106 (contracting out of prisons) of the Criminal...
- 51 In section 35 (notice etc. of applications to owners and...
- 52 In section 149 (contracting out of certain detention centres) of...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to:
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- s. 26 cross-heading inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(3)
- s. 2425 repealed by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(2)
- s. 26(2) words substituted by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(4)(b)
- s. 27(1)(g)(v) repealed by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(5)
- s. 28(1) words repealed by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(6)(a)(i)
- s. 28(1)(a) words substituted by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(6)(a)(ii)
- s. 28(3)(a) word inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(6)(b)(i)
- s. 28(3)(c) and word repealed by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(6)(b)(ii)
- s. 29(7) repealed by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(7)
- s. 32(6)(b) words repealed by 2016 asp 18 Sch. 2 para. 10(2)
- s. 54(6)(b) words substituted by 2016 asp 18 Sch. 2 para. 12(2)(a)
- s. 54(6)(b) words substituted by 2016 asp 18 Sch. 2 para. 12(2)(b)
- s. 63 repealed by 2016 asp 18 Sch. 2 para. 12(3)
- s. 84(2) words repealed by 2016 asp 18 Sch. 2 para. 10(3)
- Sch. para. 15 repealed by 2016 asp 18 Sch. 2 para. 12(4)

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

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

- s. 7C inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 93(2)
- s. 7D inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 106(2)
- s. 8F8G inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 94(2)
- s. 16B inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 95(2)
- s. 17A inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 96(2)
- s. 18B inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 97(2)
- s. 26(1)(1A) substituted for s. 26(1) by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(4)(a)
- s. 26(3) inserted by 2016 asp 18 s. 99(4)(c)