



Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967

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COUNTRYSIDE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1967

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SCHEDULE 2 — General Restrictions to be observed by persons having access by virtue of Part II of this Act to land which is or which gives or forms part of access to Open Country

Section 11(1) of this Act shall not apply to a...

SCHEDULE 3 — Provisions as to Making Confirmation, Coming into Operation and Validity of Certain Orders

Part I — PROVISIONS FOR MAKING AND CONFIRMING ACCESS ORDERS AND CERTAIN ORDERS RELATING TO PUBLIC PATHS

1 (1) Before a body makes an access order, a public...

2 (1A) If an authority have given notice under paragraph 1(1)...

3 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this...

Part II — VALIDITY AND DATE OF OPERATION OF ORDERS TO WHICH THIS SCHEDULE APPLIES

4 As soon as may be after an order to which...

5 If a person aggrieved by an order to which this...

6 On any such application as aforesaid, the Court—

7 Subject to the provisions of the last foregoing paragraph, an...

8 In relation to any order to which this Schedule applies,...

Schedule 4 — Provisions as to the Calculation for Fixing Consideration in Respect of the Making of Access Agreements.

(1) The district valuer shall value the land covered by the...

(2) Before or as soon as possible after the coming into...

(3) The first twelve month period shall begin on the day...

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- s. 49A(6) words substituted by [2024 asp 2 Sch. 1 para. 9\(a\)](#)
- s. 49A(6) words substituted by [2024 asp 2 Sch. 1 para. 9\(b\)](#)