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- 5 If before the expiration of the period specified in pursuance...
- 6 Except where the objection is made by any person on...
- 7 (1) ... after considering objections (if any) to the proposed...
- 8 In this Part of this Schedule references to a proposed...

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- 9 Where the Secretary of State proposes to make a scheme...
- 10 Not later than the day on which the said notice...
- 11 If before the expiration of the period specified in pursuance...
- 12 Except where the objection is made by any person on...
- 13 (1) ... after considering objections (if any) to the proposed scheme...
- 14 In this Part of this Schedule "proposed scheme" includes a...

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- 14A (1) Where the Secretary of State proposes to make a...
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- 16 The Secretary of State may, by notice served on a...

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- 17 Proceedings required to be taken for the purposes of an...
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- 3 A description of the relevant aspects of the current state...
- 4 A description of the factors specified in section 20B(3) likely...
- 5 A description of the likely significant effects of the project...
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- 7 A description of the forecasting methods or evidence, used to...
- 8 A description of the measures envisaged to avoid, prevent, reduce...
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- 10 A non-technical summary of the information provided under points 1...
- 11 A reference list detailing the sources used for the descriptions...

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- 1 As soon as may be after a scheme or order...
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 - 2 If any person aggrieved by the scheme or order desires...
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- 5 Validity and Date of Operation of Certain Orders and Schemes
- 6 Validity and Date of Operation of Certain Orders and Schemes

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CLASS IV: All motor vehicles (other than invalid carriages and...

CLASS V: Vehicles drawn by animals.

CLASS VI: Vehicles (other than pedal cycles, perambulators, push-chairs and...

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CLASS IX: Pedestrians, perambulators, push-chairs and other forms of baby...

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- 1 (1) Before determining, under section 41 or 45 of this...
- 2 If no representation is duly made under paragraph 1 above,...
- 3 (1) Where a representation is duly made as aforesaid and...
- 4 For the purpose of displaying a notice as required by...
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- 6 In relation to the exercise by a local roads authority...

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- 1 In the entries numbered 2 and 3 in Part I...
- 2 Where the boundaries of any road will be altered in...

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- 1 All orders and regulations made, and all directions, consents and...
- 2 All contracts, deeds, bonds or agreements entered into or made...
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- 4 Section 6 of this Act applies to a road which...
- 5 An order under section 1(3) of the Trunk Roads Act...
- 6 An order under section 4 of the Trunk Roads Act...

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Amendment of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c.27)

- 1 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 shall be amended in...
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- 3 In section 85 (traffic signs for indicating speed restrictions)—
- 4 Restricted Roads

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- 1 (1) An authorised officer of a roads authority may, if...
- 2 A fixed penalty notice for an offence may not be...

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The amount of the penalty and the period for payment

4 (1) The penalty for a fixed penalty offence is (subject...

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5 (1) A discounted amount is payable instead of the amount...

Effect of notice and payment of penalty

6 (1) This paragraph applies where a person is served with...

Request for hearing

7 (1) A person to whom a fixed penalty notice has...

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8 (1) If the roads authority consider (whether after holding a...

Effect of prosecution on notice

9 Where proceedings for an offence in respect of which a...

Recovery of unpaid fixed penalties

10 Subject to paragraphs 8 and 9, where a fixed penalty...

Judicial determination of enforcement of fixed penalty

11 (1) A person against whom a fixed penalty bears to...

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- 12 (1) The roads authority shall, subject to sub-paragraph (2), remit...
- 13 The Scottish Ministers may by regulations— (a) prescribe circumstances in...
- 14 The Scottish Ministers may issue or approve for the purposes...

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The Highway (Railway Crossings) Act 1839 (c. 45)

1 In section 1 of the Highway (Railway Crossings) Act 1839...

The Railway Regulation Act 1842 (c. 55)

2 In section 9 of the Railway Regulation Act 1842 (gates...

The Railways Clauses Consolidation(Scotland) Act 1845 (c. 33)

3 (1) The Railways Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1845 shall be...

The Railways Clauses Act 1863 (c. 92)

4 (1) The Railways Clauses Act 1863 shall be amended in...

The Trespass (Scotland) Act 1865 (c. 56)

5 (1) The Trespass (Scotland) Act 1865 shall be amended in...

The Tramways Act 1870 (c. 78)

6 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Explosives Act 1875 (c. 17)

7 (1) The Explosives Act 1875 shall be amended in accordance...

The Entail Amendment (Scotland) Act 1875 (c. 61)

8 In section 3 of the Entail Amendment (Scotland) Act 1875...

The Settled Land Act 1882 (c. 38)

- 9 In section 25 of the Settled Land Act 1882 (description...
- 10 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act 1886 (c. 29)

11 In paragraph 9 of the Schedule to the Crofters Holdings...

The Military Tramways Act 1887 (c. 65)

- 12 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 13 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Railway and Canal Traffic Act 1888 (c. 25)

14 In section 16 of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act...

The Military Lands Act 1892 (c. 43)

15 (1) The Military Lands Act 1892 shall be amended...

The Light Railways Act 1896 (c. 48)

16 In section 7(1) of the Light Railways Act 1896 (application...

The Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897 (c. 38)

17 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Congested Districts (Scotland) Act 1897 (c. 53)

- 18 In section 10 of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act 1897...
- 19 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Dogs Act 1906 (c. 32)

20 In section 3 of the Dogs Act 1906 (seizure of...

The Light Railways Act 1912 (c. 19)

21 In section 6 of the Light Railways Act 1912 (amendment...

The Defence of the Realm (Acquisition of Land) Act 1916 (c. 63)

- 22 In section 15 of the Defence of the Realm (Acquisition...
- 23 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Roads Act 1920 (c. 72)

24 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Railways Act 1921 (c. 55)

25 In section 73(3) of the Railways Act 1921 (interpretation), for...

The Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act 1928 (c. 44)

26 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Road Traffic Act 1930 (c. 43)

27 (1) The Road Traffic Act 1930 shall be amended in...

The Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933 (c. 53)

- 28 In section 45 of the Road and Rail Traffic Act...
- 29 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Public Order Act 1936 (c. 6)

30 In section 9(1) of the Public Order Act 1936 (interpretation),...

The Coal Act 1938 (c. 52).

31 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Civil Defence Act 1939 (c. 31)

32 In section 90(1) of the Civil Defence Act 1939 (interpretation),...

The Requisitioned Land and War Works Act 1945 (c. 43)

33 (1) The Requisitioned Land and War Works Act 1945 shall...

The Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41)

34 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 (c. 42)

In paragraph 11(1)(b) of the first Schedule to the Acquisition...

The Local Government Act 1948 (c. 26)

36 In section 144(1) of the Local Government Act 1948 (interpretation),...

The Civil Defence Act 1948 (12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5)

37 In section 4(2) of the Civil Defence Act 1948 (powers...

The Coast Protection Act 1949 (c.74)

38 (1) The Coast Protection Act 1949 shall be amended in...

The Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950 (c.39)

39 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Pet Animals Act 1951 (c. 35)

40 (1) The Pet Animals Act 1951 shall be amended in...

The Mineral Workings Act 1951 (c. 60)

41 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (c. 14)

42 In section 1(4) of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953...

The Atomic Energy Authority Act 1954 (c.69)

43 In section 5(2) of the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1954...

The Mines and Quarries Act 1954 (c. 70)

44 In section 151(2) of the Mines and Quarries Act 1954...

The Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955 (c. 21)

45 In section 37(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955 (interpretation),...

The Coal-Mining (Subsidence) Act 1957 (c. 59)

46 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Land Powers (Defence) Act 1958 (c.30)

47 In section 9(4) of the Land Powers (Defence) Act 1958...

The Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and Queue Barriers) (Scotland) Act 1958 (c. 50)

48 (1) The Local Government (Omnibus Shelters and Queue Barriers) (Scotland)...

The Opencast Coal Act 1958 (c. 69)

49 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Manoeuvres Act 1958 (7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 7)

50 (1) The Manoeuvres Act 1958 shall be amended in accordance...

The Building (Scotland) Act 1959 (c. 24)

51 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Weeds Act 1959 (c. 54)

52 In section 11(2) of the Weeds Act 1959 (interpretation), in...

The Road Traffic Act 1960 (c. 16)

53 In section 257(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960 (general...

The Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961 (c. 41)

54 In section 15(1) of the Flood Prevention (Scotland) Act 1961...

The Pipe-lines Act 1962 (c. 58)

55 (1) The Pipe-lines Act 1962 shall be amended in accordance...

The Weights and Measures Act 1963 (c. 31)

56 (1) The Weights and Measures Act 1963 shall be amended...

The Agriculture and Horticulture Act 1964 (c. 28)

57 In each of sections 13(7) and 21(2)(a) of the Agriculture...

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The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966 (c. 51)

58 In section 46(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966...

The Agriculture Act 1967 (c. 22)

59 In section 23(5) of the Agriculture Act 1967 (reservation as...

The Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 (c. 86)

60 (1) The Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 shall be amended in...

The New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 16)

61 (1) The New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968 shall be amended...

The Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27)

62 In section 57(4) of the Firearms Act 1968 (interpretation), in...

The Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41)

63 In section 32 of the Countryside Act 1968 (traffic regulation...

The Sewerage (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 47)

64 (1) The Sewerage (Scotland) Act 1968 shall be amended in...

The Caravan Sites Act 1968 (c. 52)

65 In section 13(1) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (twin-unit...

The Transport Act 1968 (c. 73)

66 (1) The Transport Act 1968 shall be amended in accordance...

The Vehicles Excise Act 1971 (c. 10)

- 67 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 68 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Roads Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act 1972 (c. 27)

69 In section 7(1) of the Road Traffic (Foreign Vehicles) Act...

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (c. 52)

- 70 Minor and Consequential Amendments
- 71 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 56)

72 (1) The Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973 shall be...

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 65)

73 In section 133 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973...

The Control of Pollution Act 1974 (c. 40)

74 (1) The Control of Pollution Act 1974 shall be amended...

The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (c. 52)

75 In section 17(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act...

The Airports Authority Act 1975 (c. 78)

76 (1) The Airports Authority Act 1975 shall be amended in...

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 66)

77 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 (c. 3)

- 78 (1) The Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 shall be amended...
- 79 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 44)

80 In section 18 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (improvements...

The Water (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 45)

81 (1) The Water (Scotland) Act 1980 shall be amended in...

The Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65)

82 In section 20(1) of the Local Government, Planning and Land...

The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (c. 14)

83 In section 82(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981...

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69)

84 In section 72(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981...

The Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c. 16)

85 (1) The Civil Aviation Act 1982 shall be amended...

The Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982 (c. 43)

86 (1) The Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982...

The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (c. 45)

87 (1) The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 shall be...

The Transport Act 1982 (c. 49)

88 (1) In section 75 of the Transport Act 1982 (interpretation),...

The Level Crossings Act 1983 (c. 16)

89 In section 1(11) of the Level Crossings Act 1983 (interpretation),...

Changes to legislation: Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

The Litter Act 1983 (c. 35)

- 90 In section 7(1) of the Litter Act 1983 (litter bins...
- 91 Minor and Consequential Amendments

The Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

92 (1) The Telecommunications Act 1984 shall be amended in accordance...

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27)

93 (1) The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 shall be amended...

SCHEDULE 10 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

- 1 (1) Subject to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, in so...
- 2 Without prejudice to any express amendment made by this Act,...
- 3 Where any period of time specified in any of the...
- 4 (1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the repealed enactments...
- 5 Without prejudice to paragraph 1 or 4 above, any reference...
- 6 Transitional Provisions and Savings
- 7 In relation to an order under section 3 of the...

SCHEDULE 11 — Repeals

Changes to legislation:

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- s. 50 word substituted by S.I. 2003/2155 Sch. 1 para. 10(1)(a)para. 10(2)(d)
- s. 50 words substituted by S.I. 2003/2155 Sch. 1 para. 10(1)(a)para. 10(2)(c)
- s. 75 word substituted by S.I. 2003/2155 Sch. 1 para. 10(1)(b)para. 10(2)(d)
- s. 75 words substituted by S.I. 2003/2155 Sch. 1 para. 10(1)(b)para. 10(2)(c)
- s. 78(4) word substituted by S.I. 2003/2155 Sch. 1 para. 10(1)(c)para. 10(2)(d)
- s. 78(4) words substituted by S.I. 2003/2155 Sch. 1 para. 10(1)(c)para. 10(2)(b)
- s. 151(4) words substituted by S.I. 2003/2155 Sch. 1 para. 10(1)(e)para. 10(2)(a)
- Sch. 9 para. 17 repealed by 2008 asp 5 Sch. 3 Pt. 1
- Sch. 9 para. 7(3)(4) repealed by 2003 c. 22 Sch.
- Sch. 11 words repealed by 2008 asp 5 Sch. 3 Pt. 1

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. 152(3)(3ZA) substituted for s. 152(3) by 2019 asp 17 s. 124(2)