STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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AGRICULTURE

HILL LANDS

The Heather and Grass Burning (Amendment) (Northumberland and Durham) Regulations 1974

Made - - -	*9th December* 1974
Laid before Parliament	*18th December* 1974
Coming into Operation	*8th January* 1975

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20(1) of the Hill Farming Act 1946(**a**) and now vested in them (**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Heather and Grass Burning (Amendment) (Northumberland and Durham) Regulations 1974, and shall come into operation on 8th January 1975.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Postponement of commencement of close period for heather and grass burning in Northumberland and Durham

3. The Heather and Grass Burning (England and Wales) Regulations 1949(**d**) shall have effect, as respects the counties of Northumberland and Durham established by the Local Government Act 1972, as if there were substituted—

(a) in regulation 4 of those regulations (which, subject to the provisions thereof, prohibits the burning of heather and grass in England and Wales between 31st March and 1st December in any year), and

(b) in regulation 5 of those regulations (which contains provision for the issue of special licences for any such burning between those dates)

for the reference in each case to 31st March, a reference to 15th April.

(a) 1946 c. 73.
(b) See S.I. 1969/388 (1969 I, p. 1070).
(c) 1889 c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1949/386 (1949 I, p. 98).

Revocation

4. The Heather and Grass Burning (Northumberland and Durham) (Amendment) Regulations 1958 (**a**) are hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th December 1974.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

John Morris,

9th December 1974. Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Heather and Grass Burning (England and Wales) Regulations 1949 prohibit the burning of heather and grass in England and Wales between 31st March and 1st November in any year except with a licence.

These regulations postpone the commencement of the close period for the counties of Northumberland and Durham to 15th April in any year. Similar regulations which applied to the former counties of Northumberland and Durham as constituted before the coming into operation of the Local Government Act 1972 are revoked.

(a) S.I. 1958/4 (1958 I, p. 135).

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