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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 548**

**WILDLIFE, ENGLAND**

**The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Variation of Schedule 9) (England) (No. 2) Order 2021**

*Made* - - - - - *at 10.50 a.m. on 5th May 2021*

*Laid before Parliament* *at 2.45 p.m. on 5th May 2021*

*Coming into force* - - *31st May 2021*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22(5)(a) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981<sup>(a)</sup>, makes the following Order.

The Secretary of State has, in accordance with the requirements of section 26(4)(a) of that Act, given any local authority affected and any other person affected an opportunity to submit objections or representations with respect to the subject matter of this Order. The Secretary of State has also, in accordance with section 26(4)(b) of the Act, consulted with Natural England, being the advisory body he considered was best able to advise him as to whether this Order should be made.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Variation of Schedule 9) (England) (No. 2) Order 2021 and comes into force on 31st May 2021.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales.

**Variation of Schedule 9**

**2.**—(1) Schedule 9 (animals and plants to which section 14 applies)<sup>(b)</sup> to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is varied as follows.

(2) In Part 1 (non-native animals which are established in the wild), after the entry for “Zander” insert—

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(a) 1981 c.69; section 22(5)(a) was amended by Infrastructure Act 2015 c. 7, section 25(5).

(b) Schedule 9 was amended by section 24 of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and by S.I. 1992/320, 2674, 1997/226, 1999/1002, 2010/609, 2019/527, 2021/236.

Article 3 requires the Secretary of State to review the operation and effectiveness of the variation to Schedule 9 to the Act made by this Order and publish a report before 30th May 2024. Following the review it will fall to the Secretary of State to consider whether the Order should be allowed to expire as Article 4 provides, be revoked early, or continue in force with or without amendment. A further instrument would be needed to continue the Order in force with or without amendments or to revoke it early.

An impact assessment has been prepared in relation to this Order and is being validated by the Regulatory Policy Committee. It will be placed in the library of each House of Parliament and on the gov.uk website.

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