



Defamation Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 31

Supplementary provisions

16 Repeals.

The enactments specified in Schedule 2 are repealed to the extent specified.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 16 wholly in force; S. 16 partly in force at Royal Assent see s. 19(2)(3); s. 16 in force for certain purposes at 1.4.1999 by S.I. 1999/817, art. 2(b); s. 16 in force for E.W. at 28.2.2000 by S.I. 2000/222, art. 3; s. 16 in force for S. at 31.3.2001 insofar as not already in force by S.S.I. 2001/98, art. 3(b)(i)

17 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“publication” and “publish”, in relation to a statement, have the meaning they have for the purposes of the law of defamation generally, but “publisher” is specially defined for the purposes of section 1;

“statement” means words, pictures, visual images, gestures or any other method of signifying meaning; and

“statutory provision” means—

- (a) a provision contained in an Act or in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the ^{M1}Interpretation Act 1978, or
- (b) a statutory provision within the meaning given by section 1(f) of the ^{M2}Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

(2) In this Act as it applies to proceedings in Scotland—

“costs” means expenses; and

“plaintiff” and “defendant” mean pursuer and defender.

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation Act 1996, Cross Heading: Supplementary provisions. (See end of Document for details)

Extent Information

E1 [S. 17](#) extends to the United Kingdom; [s. 17\(2\)](#) extends to Scotland see [s. 18\(1\)\(2\)\(3\)](#).

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I2 [S. 17](#) partly in force; [s. 17](#) partly in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 19\(2\)\(3\)](#); [s. 17](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.4.1999 by [S.I. 1999/817](#), **art. 2(a)**

Marginal Citations

M1 [1978 c. 30](#).

M2 [1954 c. 33 \(N.I.\)](#).

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