

# Presumption of Death Act 2013

## **2013 CHAPTER 13**

Declaration of presumed death

### 2 Making declaration E+W

- (1) On an application under section 1, the court must make the declaration if it is satisfied that the missing person—
  - (a) has died, or
  - (b) has not been known to be alive for a period of at least 7 years.
- (2) It must include in the declaration a finding as to the date and time of the missing person's death.

#### (3) Where the court—

- (a) is satisfied that the missing person has died, but
- (b) is uncertain at which moment during a period the missing person died,

the finding must be that the missing person is presumed to have died at the end of that period.

- (4) Where the court—
  - (a) is satisfied that the missing person has not been known to be alive for a period of at least 7 years, but
  - (b) is not satisfied that the missing person has died,

the finding must be that the missing person is presumed to have died at the end of the period of 7 years beginning with the day after the day on which he or she was last known to be alive.

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 2 in force at 1.10.2014 by S.I. 2014/1810, art. 2

## Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Presumption of Death Act 2013, Section 2.