



Interpretation Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 30

Repealing enactments

16 General savings.

- (1) Without prejudice to section 15, where an Act repeals an enactment, the repeal does not, unless the contrary intention appears,—
- revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the repeal takes effect;
 - affect the previous operation of the enactment repealed or anything duly done or suffered under that enactment;
 - affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under that enactment;
 - affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against that enactment;
 - affect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment;
- and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed, as if the repealing Act had not been passed.
- (2) This section applies to the expiry of a temporary enactment as if it were repealed by an Act.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 16 excluded (E.W.) by [Mineral Workings Act 1985](#) (c. 12, SIF 86), **ss. 3(3), 6(2)**
S. 16 excluded by [Agricultural Holdings Act 1986](#) (c. 5, SIF 2:3), s. 99, Sch. 13 paras. 3, 8
S. 16 excluded (S.) (25.9.1991) by [Agricultural Holdings \(Scotland\) Act 1991](#) (c. 55, SIF 2:3), ss. 87, 89(2), **Sch. 12 para. 5**
- C2** S. 16 saved (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991](#) (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss.140, 223(2)** (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 222(1), Sch. 13 paras. 1, 2, Sch. 14 para. 6)

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- C3** S. 16 applied (E.W.) (21.12.2017) by The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 5, Savings, Transitory and Transitional Provisions) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1326), **art. 6(2)**
- C4** S. 16 applied (E.W.) (29.4.2019) by The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 6, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/864), **art. 7(3)**
- C5** S. 16 applied (temp.) (8.6.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/567), regs. 1(2), **5(4)** (with reg. 10)
- C6** S. 16 applied (temp.) (4.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/685), regs. 1(1), **2(5)** (with reg. 12)
- C7** S. 16 applied (temp.) (4.7.2020 at 00.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/684), regs. 1(2)(b), **3(5)** (with reg. 11)
- C8** S. 16 applied (temp.) (25.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Luton) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/800), regs. 1(2), **2(5)** (with reg. 10)
- C9** S. 16 applied (temp.) (1.8.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/822), regs. 1(2), **2(5)** (with reg. 12)
- C10** S. 16 applied (temp.) (3.8.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/824), regs. 1(2), **3(5)** (with reg. 15)
- C11** S. 16 applied (temp.) (5.8.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions on Gatherings) (North of England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/828), regs. 1(2), **4(6)** (with reg. 19)
- C12** S. 16 applied (temp.) (28.8.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (S.S.I. 2020/262), regs. 1(2), **3(4)** (with reg. 15)
- C13** S. 16 applied (temp.) (10.9.2020 at 6.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/974), regs. 1(1), **2(5)** (with reg. 12)
- C14** S. 16 applied (temp.) (15.9.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/988), regs. 1(2), **4(6)** (with reg. 18)
- C15** S. 16 applied (temp.) (18.9.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North East of England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1010), regs. 1(1), **2(6)** (with reg. 12)
- C16** S. 16 applied (temp.) (18.7.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/750), regs. 1(2), **2(5)** (with reg. 19) (as amended by S.I. 2021/705, regs. 1(2), **4(1)** and S.I. 2021/848, regs. 1(2), **4**)
- C17** S. 16(1) applied (E.) (temp. from 27.11.2001 until 27.7.2002) by S.I. 2001/3576, **art. 3(2)**
S. 16(1) applied (27.11.2001) by S.I. 2001/3577, **art. 3(2)**
S. 16(1) applied (27.11.2001) by S.I. 2001/3578, **art. 3(2)**
- C18** S. 16(1) disapplied (W.) (1.9.2004) by The Conduct of Members (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2289), art. 4 (as inserted by The Conduct of Members (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1510), arts. 1(2), **3**)
- C19** S. 16(1) applied (with modifications) by The Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1678), **s. 80(3)** (the amendment coming into force in accordance with s. 1(2) of the amending S.I.)
- C20** S. 16(1) applied (W.) (18.4.2008) by The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/788), **art. 4(3)**
- C21** S. 16(1) applied by The Falkland Islands Constitution Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2846), **Sch. ss. 54(3), 55(5)** (the application coming into force in accordance with arts. 1(3), 2(1) of the applying S.I.)
- C22** S. 16(1) applied (with modifications) by The St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitution Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1751), **arts. 75(3), 152(3), 217(3)** (the amendments coming into force in accordance with art. 1(3) of the amending S.I.)
- C23** S. 16(1) applied by The Pitcairn Constitution Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/244), arts. 2, 4, **Sch. 2 section 41(3)** (the amendment coming into force in accordance with arts. 1(2), 2 of the amending S.I.)
- C24** S. 16(1) applied (11.11.2010) by Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (c. 25), ss. 19, 52, **Sch. 2 para. 38; S.I. 2010/2703, art. 2(a)**
- C25** S. 16(1) modified (17.12.2010) by Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 (c. 38), **ss. 46(4), 55(1)** (with s. 44)
- C26** S. 16(1) applied (25.3.2020) by Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7), ss. 87(1), **88(2)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 16(1) applied by [2023 c. 37 s. 26\(7\)](#)