



Sale of Goods Act 1979

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Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

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- 15 Sale by sample

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SCHEDULE 1 — Modification of Act for Certain Contracts

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1 (1) This Schedule modifies this Act as it applies to...

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2 In relation to a contract made before 22 April 1967...

Section 12: implied terms about title etc.

3 In relation to a contract made before 18 May 1973...

Section 13: sale by description

4 In relation to a contract made before 18 May 1973,...

Section 14: quality or fitness (i)

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Section 14: quality or fitness (ii)

6 In relation to a contract made before 18 May 1973...

Section 15: sale by sample

7 In relation to a contract made before 18 May 1973,...

Section 22: market overt

8 In relation to a contract under which goods were sold...

Section 25: buyer in possession

9 In relation to a contract under which a person buys...

Section 35: acceptance

10 In relation to a contract made before 22 April 1967...

Section 55: exclusion of implied terms (i)

11 In relation to a contract made on or after 18...

Section 55: exclusion of implied terms (ii)

12 In relation to a contract made before 18 May 1973...

Section 56: conflict of laws

13 (1) in relation to a contract made on or after...

Section 61(1): definition of "business" (i)

14 In relation to a contract made on or after 18...

Section 61(1): definition of "business" (ii)

15 In relation to a contract made before 18 May 1973...

SCHEDULE 2 — Consequential Amendments

War Risks Insurance Act 1939 (2 & 3 Geo. 6 c.57)

- 1 In section 15(1)(e) of the War Risks Insurance Act 1939...

Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Act 1943 (6 & 7 Geo. 6 c. 40)

- 2 In section 2(5)(c) of the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts Act...

Frustrated Contracts Act (Northern Ireland) 1947 (c.2)

- 3 In section 2(5)(c) of the Frustrated Contracts Act (Northern Ireland)...

Hire-Purchase Act 1964 (c. 53)

- 4 In section 27(5) of the Hire-Purchase Act 1964 (as originally...

Hire-Purchase Act 1965 (c. 66)

- 5 In section 20 of the Hire-Purchase Act 1965—
6 In section 54 of the Hire-Purchase Act 1965 for "...
7 In Section 58(1) of the Hire-Purchase Act 1965 for "...

Hire-Purchase (Scotland) Act 1965 (c. 67)

- 8 In section 20 of the Hire-Purchase (Scotland) Act 1965 for...
9 In section 50 of the Hire-Purchase (Scotland) Act 1965 for...
10 In section 54(1) of the Hire-Purchase (Scotland) Act 1965 for...

Hire-Purchase Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c. 42)

- 11 In section 20 of the Hire-Purchase Act (Northern Ireland) 1966—...
12 In section 54 of the Hire-Purchase Act (Northern Ireland) 1966...
13 In section 62(5) of the Hire-Purchase Act (Northern Ireland) 1966...
14 In section 65(1) of the Hire-Purchase Act (Northern Ireland) 1966...

Uniform Laws on International Sales Act 1967 (c. 45)

- 15 For section 1(4) of the Uniform Laws on International Sales...

Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973 (c. 13)

- 16 In section 14(1) of the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms)...
17 For the definition of " consumer sale" in section 15(1)...

Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c.39)

- 18 In section 189(1) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, in...

Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 (c. 50)

- 19 In section 6 of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977—...
20 In section 14 of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977,...
21 In section 20(1)(a) and (2)(a) of the Unfair Contract Terms...
22 In section 25(1) of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977,...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

SCHEDULE 4 — Savings

Preliminary

- 1 In this Schedule references to the 1893 Act are to...

Orders

- 2 An order under section 14(8) or 25(4) above may make...

Offences

- 3 Where an offence was committed in relation to goods before...

1893 Act, section 26

- 4 The repeal by this Act of provisions of the 1893...

Things done before 1 January 1894

- 5 The repeal by this Act of section 60 of and...
- 6 In so far as the 1893 Act applied (immediately before...