

# Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

# **1994 CHAPTER 33**

#### PART VIII

PRISON SERVICES AND THE PRISON SERVICE

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THE PRISON SERVICE

# 126 Service in England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

- (1) The relevant employment legislation shall have effect as if an individual who as a member of the prison service acts in a capacity in which he has the powers or privileges of a constable were not, by virtue of his so having those powers or privileges, to be regarded as in police service for the purposes of any provision of that legislation.
- (2) In this section "the relevant employment legislation" means—
  - (a) the M1 Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 and the M2 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992; and
  - (b) the M3 Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the M4 Industrial Relations (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and the M5 Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.
- (3) For the purposes of this section a person is a member of the prison service if he is an individual holding a post to which he has been appointed for the purposes of section 7 of the M6Prison Act 1952 or under section 2(2) of the M7Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 (appointment of prison staff).
- (4) Except for the purpose of validating anything that would have been a contravention of section 127(1) below if it had been in force, subsection (1) above, so far as it relates to the question whether an organisation consisting wholly or mainly of members of the

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prison service is a trade union, shall be deemed always to have had effect and to have applied, in relation to times when provisions of the relevant employment legislation were not in force, to the corresponding legislation then in force.

### (5) Subsection (6) below shall apply where—

- (a) the certificate of independence of any organisation has been cancelled, at any time before the passing of this Act, in consequence of the removal of the name of that organisation from a list of trade unions kept under provisions of the relevant employment legislation; but
- (b) it appears to the Certification Officer that the organisation would have remained on the list, and that the certificate would have remained in force, had that legislation had effect at and after that time in accordance with subsection (1) above.

# (6) Where this subsection applies—

- (a) the Certification Officer shall restore the name to the list and delete from his records any entry relating to the cancellation of the certificate;
- (b) the removal of the name from the list, the making of the deleted entry and the cancellation of the certificate shall be deemed never to have occurred; and
- (c) the organisation shall accordingly be deemed, for the purposes for which it is treated by virtue of subsection (4) above as having been a trade union, to have been independent throughout the period between the cancellation of the certificate and the deletion of the entry relating to that cancellation.

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Marginal Citations
M1 1978 c. 44.
M2 1992 c. 52.
M3 S.I. 1976/1043 (N.I. 16).
M4 S.I. 1976/2147 (N.I. 28).
M5 S.I. 1992/807 (N.I. 5).
M6 1952 c. 52.
M7 1953 c. 18 (N.I.).
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