



# Government of Wales Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 32

### PART 2

#### <sup>F1</sup>WELSH ... GOVERNMENT

*[<sup>F1</sup>Assimilated][<sup>F1</sup>obligations], human rights and international obligations etc.*

#### 80 [<sup>F1</sup>Assimilated][<sup>F2</sup>obligations]

- (1) [<sup>F3</sup>[<sup>F4</sup>An assimilated] obligation] of the United Kingdom is also an obligation of the Welsh Ministers if and to the extent that the obligation could be implemented (or enabled to be implemented) or complied with by the exercise by the Welsh Ministers of any of their functions.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in the case of [<sup>F5</sup>[<sup>F6</sup>an assimilated] obligation] of the United Kingdom if—
  - (a) it is an obligation to achieve a result defined by reference to a quantity (whether expressed as an amount, proportion or ratio or otherwise), and
  - (b) the quantity relates to the United Kingdom (or to an area including the United Kingdom or to an area consisting of a part of the United Kingdom which includes [<sup>F7</sup>the whole or part of Wales or of the Welsh zone]).
- (3) But if such [<sup>F8</sup>[<sup>F9</sup>an assimilated] obligation] could (to any extent) be implemented (or enabled to be implemented) or complied with by the exercise by the Welsh Ministers of any of their functions, a Minister of the Crown may by order provide for the achievement by the Welsh Ministers (in the exercise of their functions) of so much of the result to be achieved under [<sup>F10</sup>[<sup>F11</sup>the assimilated] obligation] as is specified in the order.
- (4) The order may specify the time by which any part of the result to be achieved by the Welsh Ministers is to be achieved.
- (5) No order is to be made by a Minister of the Crown under subsection (3) unless the Minister of the Crown has consulted the Welsh Ministers.

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(6) A statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (3) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

(7) Where an order under subsection (3) is in force in relation to [<sup>F12</sup>[<sup>F13</sup>an assimilated] obligation], to the extent that [<sup>F14</sup>[<sup>F15</sup>the assimilated] obligation] involves achieving what is specified in the order it is also an obligation of the Welsh Ministers (enforceable as if it were an obligation of the Welsh Ministers under subsection (1)).

- <sup>F16</sup>(8) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8A) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8B) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8C) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8D) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8E) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8F) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8G) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8H) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8I) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8J) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8K) .....
- <sup>F16</sup>(8L) .....

(9) [<sup>F17</sup>Subsection (1) applies] to the First Minister and the Counsel General as to the Welsh Ministers.

Textual Amendments	
<b>F1</b>	Word in s. 80 heading heading substituted (1.1.2024) by <a href="#">Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(a)</a> (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
<b>F2</b>	Word in s. 80 heading heading substituted (31.3.2022) by <a href="#">The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Repeal of EU Restrictions in Devolution Legislation, etc.) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/357)</a> , regs. 1(1), <a href="#">4(3)(a)</a>
<b>F3</b>	Words in s. 80(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by <a href="#">European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16), s. 25(4), Sch. 3 para. 37(3)</a> (with s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)
<b>F4</b>	Words in s. 80(1) substituted (1.1.2024) by <a href="#">Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(b)</a> (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
<b>F5</b>	Words in s. 80(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by <a href="#">European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16), s. 25(4), Sch. 3 para. 37(4)</a> (with s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)
<b>F6</b>	Words in s. 80(2) substituted (1.1.2024) by <a href="#">Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(c)</a> (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
<b>F7</b>	Words in s. 80(2)(b) substituted (12.11.2009 for certain purposes and 12.1.2010 in so far as not already in force) by <a href="#">Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), ss. 43, 324, Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 6(5)</a> ; S.I. 2009/3345, <a href="#">art. 2</a> , Sch. para. 7
<b>F8</b>	Words in s. 80(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by <a href="#">European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16), s. 25(4), Sch. 3 para. 37(5)(a)</a> (with s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)

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- F9** Words in s. 80(3) substituted (1.1.2024) by Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(d)(i)** (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
- F10** Words in s. 80(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16), s. 25(4), **Sch. 3 para. 37(5)(b)** (with s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)
- F11** Words in s. 80(3) substituted (1.1.2024) by Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(d)(ii)** (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
- F12** Words in s. 80(7) substituted (31.12.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16), s. 25(4), **Sch. 3 para. 37(6)(a)** (with s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)
- F13** Words in s. 80(7) substituted (1.1.2024) by Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(e)(i)** (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
- F14** Words in s. 80(7) substituted (31.12.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16), s. 25(4), **Sch. 3 para. 37(6)(b)** (with s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)
- F15** Words in s. 80(7) substituted (1.1.2024) by Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(e)(ii)** (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
- F16** S. 80(8)-(8L) omitted (31.3.2022) by virtue of The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Repeal of EU Restrictions in Devolution Legislation, etc.) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/357), regs. 1(1), **4(3)(b)**
- F17** Words in s. 80(9) substituted (31.3.2022) by The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Repeal of EU Restrictions in Devolution Legislation, etc.) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/357), regs. 1(1), **4(3)(c)**

#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

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