

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1719

CULTURAL OBJECTS

The Return of Cultural Objects (Amendment) Regulations 1997

Made - - - - - *15th July 1997*
Laid before Parliament *18th July 1997*
Coming into force - - - *1st September 1997*

The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated⁽¹⁾ for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾ in relation to the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a member State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2(2) of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

PROSPECTIVE

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Return of Cultural Objects (Amendment) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 1st September 1997.

(2) These Regulations extend to Northern Ireland.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 1 in force at 1.9.1997, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Amendment

2.—(1) The Return of Cultural Objects Regulations 1994⁽³⁾ shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) at the end there shall be inserted “as amended by the Council Directive No.96/100/EC”⁽⁴⁾.

(1) [S.I. 1992/1711](#).

(2) [1972 c. 68](#).

(3) [S.I. 1994/501](#).

(4) OJ No. L60, 17.2.97, p.59.

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(3) In the Schedule to the Regulations after the entry in respect of 10 (printed maps) there shall be inserted—

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— 3A. (Water colours, gouaches and pastels)”.

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 2 in force at 1.9.1997, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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Chris Smith
Secretary of State for National Heritage

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement Directive [96/100/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No. L60, 17.2.97, p.59) which amends the Annex to Directive [93/7/EEC](#) on the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a member State (OJ No. L74, 27.3.93, p.74), which in turn was implemented by the Return of Cultural Objects Regulations 1994 ([S.I. 1994/501](#)) (“the 1994 Regulations”).

Regulation 2(2) amends the definition of “the Directive” in the 1994 Regulations so that it includes a reference to Directive [96/100/EC](#).

Regulation 2(3) introduces an additional category of objects which may constitute a national treasure for the purposes of the 1994 Regulations provided the monetary value of any such object is above the specified financial threshold.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulations revoked by [S.I. 2015/1926 reg. 3\(a\)](#)