



# Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954

## 1954 CHAPTER 33

### MEANING OF PARTICULAR WORDS AND PHRASES

#### **43 Definitions for official purposes.**

(1) In an enactment the expression—

“Admiralty” shall mean the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom or the Commissioners for executing the office of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom;

“Bank of England” shall mean, as the circumstances require, the Governor and Company of the Bank of England or the Bank of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England;

“Bank of Ireland” shall mean, as the circumstances require, the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland or the Bank of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland;

“Board of Trade” shall mean the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council appointed for the consideration of matters relating to trade and foreign plantations;

“British Islands” shall mean the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland;

“consular officer” shall include consul-general, consul, vice-consul, consular agent, and any person authorised to discharge the duties of consul-general, consul, or vice-consul;

“Governor” shall mean the Governor of Northern Ireland;

“Lord Chancellor” shall mean the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain;

“National Debt Commissioners” shall mean the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt;

“Postmaster General” shall mean Her Majesty's Postmaster General;

“Privy Council” shall mean, except when used with reference to Northern Ireland only, the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and when used with reference to Northern Ireland only, shall mean the Privy Council of Northern Ireland;

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“Secretary of State” shall mean one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State;

“Treasury” shall mean the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury;

“United Kingdom” shall mean the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(2) In an enactment the expression—

“Attorney-General” shall mean the Attorney-General for Northern Ireland;

“authorised analyst” shall include the government chemist and any public analyst;

*Definition rep. by 1976 NI 23*

*Definition rep. by 2000 c. 32*

“Commissioner of Valuation” shall mean the officer [<sup>F1</sup>appointed under Article 36 of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977<sup>M1</sup> to be the Commissioner of Valuation for Northern Ireland];

“consolidated fund” shall mean the consolidated fund of Northern Ireland;

*Definition rep. by 2000 c. 32*

*Definition rep. by 1998 c. 32*

“exchequer” shall mean the exchequer of Northern Ireland;

“government chemist” shall mean the officer appointed under section two of the Administrative Provisions Act (Northern Ireland), 1928<sup>M2</sup>, to be the government chemist for Northern Ireland;

“Great Seal” shall mean the Great Seal of Northern Ireland and shall [<sup>F2</sup>include a] Wafer Great Seal where the use of that Seal has been authorised under section three of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1945<sup>M3</sup>[<sup>F2</sup> or section 49 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998];

*Definitions rep. by 1998 c. 32*

“Pharmacy Inspector” and “Pharmacy Registrar” shall mean respectively [<sup>F3</sup>the Pharmacy Inspector appointed under Article 24(1), and the registrar appointed under Article 9(1), of the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976<sup>M4</sup>;]

[<sup>F4</sup>“Poisons Inspector” means [<sup>F5</sup>the Poisons Inspector appointed under Article 16 of the Poisons (Northern Ireland) Order 1976<sup>M5</sup>;]]

“public analyst” shall mean a public analyst appointed under [<sup>F6</sup> Article 27(1) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991];

“Queen's Printer” shall mean the officer appointed to print Acts;

[<sup>F7</sup>“regional rate” means a rate made by the Department of Finance under the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977<sup>M6</sup>;]

“registered pharmacist” shall mean a person registered in the register of pharmaceutical chemists in pursuance of [<sup>F3</sup>the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976;]

*Definition rep. by 2000 c. 32*

“weights and measures inspector” shall mean [<sup>F8</sup>a chief or other inspector of weights and measures within the meaning of the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981]<sup>M7</sup>.

**F1** 1977 NI 28

**F2** SI 1999/663

**F3** 1976 NI 22

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- F4** SRO (NI) 1972/253
- F5** 1976 NI 23
- F6** 1991 NI 7
- F7** 1977 NI 28
- F8** 1981 NI 10

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 43(2) modified (6.12.2022) by Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2022 (c. 48), ss. **11(9)**, 14(2)

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**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1977 NI 28
- M2** 1928 c.14 (NI)
- M3** 1945 c.12
- M4** 1976 NI 22
- M5** 1976 NI 23
- M6** 1977 NI 28
- M7** 1981 NI 10

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