



Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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PART 1

INTERPRETATION

Meaning of words and expressions used in legislation

22 Number

In an Act of the Scottish Parliament or a Scottish instrument—

- (a) words in the singular include the plural,
- (b) words in the plural include the singular.

23 References to time of day

- (1) An expression of time that occurs in an Act of the Scottish Parliament or a Scottish instrument is to be read as a reference to Greenwich mean time.
- (2) Subsection (1) is subject to section 3 of the Summer Time Act 1972 (c. 6) (construction of references to points of time during the period of summer time).

24 Meaning of words and expressions used in instruments

A word or expression used in a Scottish instrument has the same meaning as it has in the Act of the Scottish Parliament by virtue of which the instrument is made.

25 Definitions

- (1) In an Act of the Scottish Parliament or a Scottish instrument words and expressions listed in schedule 1 are to be construed according to that schedule.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by order modify that schedule.
- (3) An order under this section is subject to the affirmative procedure.

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26 Service of documents

- (1) This section applies where an Act of the Scottish Parliament or a Scottish instrument authorises or requires a document to be served on a person (whether the expression “serve”, “give”, “send” or any other expression is used).
- (2) The document may be served on the person—
 - (a) by being delivered personally to the person,
 - (b) by being sent to the proper address of the person—
 - (i) by a registered post service (as defined in section 125(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000 (c. 26)), or
 - (ii) by a postal service which provides for the delivery of the document to be recorded, or
 - (c) where subsection (3) applies, by being sent to the person using electronic communications.
- (3) This subsection applies where, before the document is served, the person authorised or required to serve the document and the person on whom it is to be served agree in writing that the document may be sent to the person by being transmitted to an electronic address and in an electronic form specified by the person for the purpose.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b), the proper address of a person is—
 - (a) in the case of a body corporate, the address of the registered or principal office of the body,
 - (b) in the case of a partnership, the address of the principal office of the partnership,
 - (c) in any other case, the last known address of the person.
- (5) Where a document is served as mentioned in subsection (2)(b) on an address in the United Kingdom it is to be taken to have been received 48 hours after it is sent unless the contrary is shown.
- (6) Where a document is served as mentioned in subsection (2)(c) it is to be taken to have been received 48 hours after it is sent unless the contrary is shown.

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