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**The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014
(Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015 and comes into force on 1st July 2015.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014.

(3) For the purposes of the commencement of sections 10 to 14, 16 to 18 and 20 of the Act, criminal proceedings are to be taken as commenced on the day on which a report of the case has been received by the procurator fiscal.

(4) For the purposes of the commencement of section 22 of the Act—

- (a) civil proceedings are to be taken as commenced on the date on which the document initiating the proceedings is served; and
- (b) where that document is served on more than one person, the proceedings are to be taken as commenced when the document is served on the first of those persons.