
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 154

The Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021
(Commencement and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022

Transitional provision

4.—(1) Sections 2 (prohibition on public authorities bringing proceedings) and 3 (restriction on proceedings against secondary publishers) of the 2021 Act have no effect in relation to any right of action for defamation where the right to bring such proceedings accrued before 8 August 2022.

(2) Sections 33 (interruption of limitation period: mediation) and 34 (interruption of limitation period: media complaints and expert determination) of the 2021 Act have no effect in relation to any action for defamation or any proceedings for a verbal injury where the right of action or the right to bring such proceedings accrued before 8 August 2022.