



# Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977

## CHAPTER 50

### UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS ACT 1977

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 4 Section 2(1) and (2) do not extend to a contract...  
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