



# Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 50

### PART II

#### AMENDMENT OF LAW FOR SCOTLAND

**<sup>F1</sup>17 <sup>F1</sup> Control of unreasonable exemptions in ... standard form contracts.**

<sup>F2</sup>(1) <sup>F2</sup> Any term of a contract which is ... a standard form contract shall have no effect for the purpose of enabling a party to the contract—

<sup>F3</sup>(a) who is in breach of a contractual obligation, to exclude or restrict any liability of his to the <sup>F3</sup>... customer in respect of the breach;

<sup>F4</sup>(b) in respect of a contractual obligation, to render no performance, or to render a performance substantially different from that which the <sup>F4</sup>... customer reasonably expected from the contract;

if it was not fair and reasonable to incorporate the term in the contract.

(2) In this section “customer” means a party to a standard form contract who deals on the basis of written standard terms of business of the other party to the contract who himself deals in the course of a business.

[<sup>F5</sup>(3) This section does not apply to a term in a consumer contract (but see the provision made about such contracts in section 62 of the Consumer Rights Act 2015).]

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 17 omitted (1.10.2015 for specified purposes, 1.10.2016 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), Sch. 4 para. 16(2); S.I. 2015/1630, arts. 3(g), 4(c) (with art. 6(1)(2))

**F2** Words in s. 17(1) omitted (1.10.2015 for specified purposes, 1.10.2016 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), Sch. 4 para. 16(3)(a); S.I. 2015/1630, arts. 3(g), 4(c) (with art. 6(1)(2))

**F3** Words in s. 17(1)(a) omitted (1.10.2015 for specified purposes, 1.10.2016 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), Sch. 4 para. 16(3)(b); S.I. 2015/1630, arts. 3(g), 4(c) (with art. 6(1)(2))

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- F4** Words in s. 17(1)(b) omitted (1.10.2015 for specified purposes, 1.10.2016 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 4 para. 16(3)(c)**; S.I. 2015/1630, arts. 3(g), 4(c) (with art. 6(1)(2))
- F5** S. 17(3) inserted (1.10.2015 for specified purposes, 1.10.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 4 para. 16(4)**; S.I. 2015/1630, arts. 3(g), 4(c) (with art. 6(1)(2))

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

- C1** S. 17(1)(b) extended (1.11.1998 and 1.7.1999 in relation to certain contracts and 7.8.2002 insofar as not then in force) by 1998 c. 20, s. 14(2) (with s. 12); S.I. 1998/2479, arts. 2, 3; S.I. 1999/1816, art. 3(1); S.S.I. 2002/337, **art. 2**

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