



# Interpretation Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 30

### *Supplementary*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>23C Interpretation of this Act in relation to Welsh legislation**

- (1) In this Act, references to an enactment include an enactment comprised in—
- (a) a Measure of the National Assembly for Wales,
  - (b) an Act of the National Assembly for Wales (whenever the Act receives Royal Assent),
  - (c) an instrument made under such an Act or Measure (whenever the instrument is made), or
  - (d) an instrument made under an Act of Parliament or [<sup>F2</sup>assimilated direct] legislation, and made by the Welsh Ministers or any other devolved Welsh authority (whenever the instrument is made, and whether or not it is made with any other person),

but the reference in section 16(2) to a temporary enactment does not include an enactment comprised in legislation to which Part 2 of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 applies (see section 3(1) of that Act).

- (2) In section 17(2)(b), the reference to subordinate legislation includes an instrument to which Part 2 of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 applies.
- (3) In section 18, the reference to an act or omission which constitutes an offence under two or more Acts includes an act or omission which constitutes an offence under—
- (a) any legislation to which that section applies, and
  - (b) any legislation to which Part 2 of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 applies, and the reference to “those Acts” is to be read accordingly.
- (4) In section 19(1), references to “another Act” include—
- (a) a Measure of the National Assembly for Wales, and
  - (b) an Act of the National Assembly for Wales (whenever the Act receives Royal Assent),

and the reference in paragraph (c) to “Acts” is to be read accordingly.]

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Interpretation Act 1978, Section 23C. (See end of Document for details)*

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 23B, 23C substituted (E.W.) (11.9.2019) for s. 23B by [Legislation \(Wales\) Act 2019](#) (anaw 4), s. 44(1)(e), **Sch. 2 para. 1**
- F2** Words in s. 23C(1)(d) substituted (1.1.2024) by [Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023](#) (c. 28), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(5)** (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)

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