



Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994

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- 1 (1) The Director General of Telecommunications shall be entitled to...
2 In section 50(4) of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (which makes...
3 In section 50(6) of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (power of...

Electricity

- 4 (1) The Director General of Electricity Supply shall be entitled...
5 (1) The Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland...
6 (1) In section 43(4) of the Electricity Act 1989 (which...
7 (1) In section 43(6) of the Electricity Act 1989 (power...

Water

- 8 (1) The Director General of Water Services shall be entitled...
9 So far as necessary for the purposes of, or in...
10 (1) Section 31 of the Water Industry Act 1991 shall...

Railways

- 11 (1) The Rail Regulator shall be entitled to exercise, concurrently...
12 In section 67(4) of the Railways Act 1993 (which makes...
13 In section 67(8) of the Railways Act 1993 (power of...
14 Section 93B of the Fair Trading Act 1973 (offences of...

Interpretation

15 Expressions used in this Schedule which are also used in...

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- 1 The Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 shall be amended as...
- 2 In section 1 (registration of agreements) after subsection (2) there...
- 3 (1) Section 24 (particulars and time for registration) shall be...
- 4 After section 25 there shall be inserted— Registration of non-notifiable...
- 5 (1) Section 26 shall be amended as follows.
- 6 In section 36 (Director’s power to obtain information) after subsection...
- 7 (1) Schedule 2 (furnishing of particulars of agreements) shall be...

SCHEDULE 4 — Section 12: Sectoral Regulators and Transition

Sectoral regulators

- 1
- 2 In each of the following, namely— (a) section 50(4) of...
- 3 In each of the following, namely— (a)
- 4 In section 67(8) of the Railways Act 1993 (corresponding provision...

Transition

- 5 (1) Where, immediately before the relevant day, an investigation under...
- 6 Where, immediately before the relevant day, an investigation has been...
- 7 Where, immediately before the relevant day, the authority by whom...
- 8 In paragraphs 5 to 7 above, “ relevant day ”...

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- 1 Striking off of Non-trading Private Companies: Great Britain
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- 1 Striking Off of Non-trading Private Companies: Northern Ireland
- 2 Striking Off of Non-trading Private Companies: Northern Ireland
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- 1 (1) This paragraph applies to the following provisions of the...
- 2 (1) This paragraph applies to the following provisions of the...

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- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to the following provisions of the...
 4 No functions under the Slaughterhouses Act 1974 or the Slaughter...
 5 (1) Regulations under paragraph 1(2), 2(2) or 3(2) above may...

Territorial division of enforcement functions under the Food Safety Act 1990

- 6 In section 6(4)(a) of the Food Safety Act 1990 (which...

SCHEDULE 10 — Employment Agencies etc.: Replacement of Licensing
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Great Britain

- 1 (1) The Employment Agencies Act 1973 shall be amended as...

Northern Ireland

- 2 (1) Articles 3 to 5 of the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions)...
 Part II — SEAMEN

United Kingdom

- 3 Sections 110 to 112 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894...

Great Britain

- 4 In the Employment Agencies Act 1973, in section 13(7) (exceptions...

Northern Ireland

- 5 In the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, in...

SCHEDULE 11 — Miscellaneous Deregulatory Provisions: Consequential Amendments

Licensing Act 1964 (c. 26)

- 1 (1) The Licensing Act 1964 shall be amended as follows....

Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41)

- 2 (1) The Fair Trading Act 1973 shall be amended as...

Energy Act 1976 (c. 76)

- 3 In section 5(6) of the Energy Act 1976, for “under”,...

Competition Act 1980 (c. 21)

- 4 (1) The Competition Act 1980 shall be amended as follows....

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27)

- 5 In Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984,...

Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (c. 46)

- 6 In the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, in section 2(1),...

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Building Societies Act 1986 (c. 53)

7 (1) The Building Societies Act 1986 shall be amended as...

Financial Services Act 1986 (c. 60)

8 In section 125(7) of the Financial Services Act 1986, the...

Companies Act 1989 (c. 40)

9 In Schedule 14 to the Companies Act 1989, in paragraph...

Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (N.I. 18)

10 In the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, in Article 5(1),...

Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (N.I. 5)

11 In Schedule 14 to the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1990,...

Charities Act 1993 (c. 10)

12 In section 47(3) of the Charities Act 1993—

SCHEDULE 12 — Schedule to be Inserted in the Transport Act 1968 after
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Part I — AMENDMENT OF THE TRANSPORT ACT 1968 (1968 C. 73)

- 1 (1) In section 62(2) the words from “which” to the...
- 2 (1) In section 63(3) after “64(2)” there shall be inserted...
- 3 In section 66(1)(a) for “the authorised vehicles are used” there...
- 4 (1) In section 69(4) for “(1)(b)” there shall be substituted...
- 5 (1) In section 69A(1)— (a) for “authorised vehicles” there shall...
- 6 (1) In section 69B(1) and (2)— (a) after “any place”...
- 7 (1) For section 69C(1) there shall be substituted—
- 8 Section 69F shall be omitted.
- 9 For section 69G there shall be substituted— Objections and
representations:...
- 10 In section 82(4) for “authorised vehicles” there shall be substituted...
- 11 (1) After section 84(a) there shall be inserted—
- 12 In section 85(1) for “authorised vehicles” there shall be substituted...
- 13 In section 87(3) the words “or 69F” shall be omitted....
- 14 (1) In section 91(1)— (a) in paragraph (a) for “69...
- 15 (1) In section 92(1)— (a) the definition of “authorised vehicle”...

Part II — AMENDMENT OF OTHER ENACTMENTS

- 16 In section 233(1)(c) of the Road Traffic Act 1960—
- 17 In section 2(2) of the Road Traffic (Drivers’ Ages and...
- 18 (1) Section 73 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 shall...

SCHEDULE 14 — PSV Operator Licensing etc: Minor and Consequential
Amendments

- 1 The 1981 Act shall be amended as follows.
- 2 In section 14(4) for “the provisions of sections 15 and...
- 3 Section 14A(3) shall be omitted.

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- 4 In section 16(6) the word “or” immediately before paragraph (b)...
- 5 (1) Section 17(2)(c) shall be omitted. (2) In section 17(3)—...
- 6 In section 18(3)(d)— (a) after “discs” there shall be inserted...
- 7 (1) Section 50(2) shall be omitted. (2) In section 50(4)—...
- 8 In section 12 of the Transport Act 1985 subsection (3)...

SCHEDULE 15 — Restrictions on Disclosure of Information

Preliminary

- 1 (1) Paragraphs 2 to 5, 7 and 8 below apply...

Disclosures between contracting parties etc.

- 2 The enactment or obligation shall not prevent or penalise the...

Disclosures by contracting parties to contractor B

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where another person (contractor B) is...

Disclosures by contracting parties to contractor C

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where another person (contractor C) is...

Disclosures by contractor A to authority D

- 5 The enactment or obligation shall not prevent or penalise the...

Disclosures to contractor A by authority E

- 6 The enactment or obligation shall not prevent or penalise the...

Disclosures for audit purposes

- 7 (1) Where authority A is a Minister or office-holder, the...

Implied term of contractor A’s contract

- 8 It shall be an implied term of any contract made...

Unauthorised disclosures

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) any information is disclosed...

Interpretation: general

- 10 (1) In this Schedule— “ancillary services” means services certified by...

SCHEDULE 16 — Amendments etc. for Facilitating Contracting Out

Newspaper Libel and Registration Act 1881 (c.60) and Limited Partnerships Act 1907 (c.24)

- 1 (1) This paragraph applies where by virtue of an order...

Courts Act 1971 (c.23)

- 2 For section 27 of the Courts Act 1971 there shall...

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Local Government Act 1972 (c.70)

3 If and to the extent that an order under section...

Patents Act 1977 (c.37)

4 If and to the extent that an order under section...

Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 (c.58)

5 At the beginning of subsection (3) of section 43 of...
6 After section 43 of that Act there shall be inserted...
7 After section 43A of that Act there shall be inserted...

Companies Act 1985 (c.6)

8 Companies Act 1985 (c.6)
9 Companies Act 1985 (c.6)
10 Companies Act 1985 (c.6)

Gas Act 1986 (c.44)

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Agriculture Act 1986 (c.49)

14 For subsection (3) of section 1 of the Agriculture Act...

European Economic Interest Grouping Regulations 1989

15 In paragraph 16 of Schedule 4 to the European Economic...

Food Safety Act 1990 (c.16)

16 After subsection (5) of section 6 of the Food Safety...
17 In subsection (1) of section 42 of that Act (default...
18 In subsection (1) of section 50 of that Act (service...
19 In subsection (2) of section 53 of that Act (general...

Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5)

20 (1) After subsection (7) of section 54 of the Social...
21 After subsection (6) of section 123 of that Act (disclosure...
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23

Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c.8)

24 (1) After subsection (7) of section 52 of the Social...
25 After subsection (6) of section 117 of that Act (disclosure...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 70 repealed in part by [1999 c. 29 Sch. 34 Pt. 9](#)
- s. 71(3)(h) word omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 4](#)
- s. 79(2) repealed by [2007 c. 28 Sch. 18 Pt. 19](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 71(3)(ha) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 4](#)