



# Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 20

### PART I

#### STATUTORY INTEREST ON QUALIFYING DEBTS

#### 1 Statutory interest.

- (1) It is an implied term in a contract to which this Act applies that any qualifying debt created by the contract carries simple interest subject to and in accordance with this Part.
- (2) Interest carried under that implied term (in this Act referred to as “statutory interest”) shall be treated, for the purposes of any rule of law or enactment (other than this Act) relating to interest on debts, in the same way as interest carried under an express contract term.
- (3) This Part has effect subject to Part II (which in certain circumstances permits contract terms to oust or vary the right to statutory interest that would otherwise be conferred by virtue of the term implied by subsection (1)).

#### Commencement Information

- II** [S. 1](#) wholly in force; [s. 1](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 17\(2\)](#); [s. 1](#) in force for specified purposes: at 1.11.1998 by [S.I. 1998/2479, art. 3](#); at 1.7.1999 by [S.I. 1999/1816, art. 3](#); at 1.9.2000 by [S.I. 2000/2225, art. 3\(1\), Sch.](#); at 1.11.2000 by [S.I. 2000/2740, art. 3\(1\)](#); [S. 1](#) in force (E. W. N.I.) in so far as not already in force at 7.8.2002 by [S.I. 2002/1673, art. 2](#); [s. 1](#) in force (S.) in so far as not already in force at 7.8.2002 by [S.S.I. 2002/337, art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, Section 1.