

SCHEDULES

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Section 95(5).

CONSTRUCTION OF REFERENCES IN EXISTING LAWS

Preliminary

- 1 (1) Enactments and instruments shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed in accordance with this Schedule.
- (2) In this Schedule “instruments” includes charters, contracts and other documents.

The Parliament and the old Assembly

- 2 (1) References to the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall be construed as including references to—
 - (a) the Assembly established under section 1 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973; and
 - (b) the Assembly.
- (2) References to the Assembly established under section 1 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973 shall be construed as including references to the Assembly.

Legislation etc of the Parliament or the old Assembly

- 3 (1) A reference to an Act or enactment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall be construed as including a reference to an Order in Council under section 1(3) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972.
 - (2) A reference to an Act or enactment of, or a Bill in, the Parliament of Northern Ireland shall be construed as including a reference to—
 - (a) a Measure or proposed Measure of the Assembly established under section 1 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973; and
 - (b) an Act or Bill of the Assembly.
 - (3) A reference to a Measure or proposed Measure of the Assembly so established shall be construed as including a reference to an Act or Bill of the Assembly.
 - (4) A reference to a Measure of the Assembly so established shall be construed as including a reference to an Order in Council under paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974.
- 4 (1) A reference to a resolution or other decision of the Senate or the House of Commons of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, or of either House of that Parliament, shall be construed as including a reference to a resolution or decision of—
 - (a) the Assembly established under section 1 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973; or
 - (b) the Assembly.

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- (2) A reference to a resolution or other decision of the Assembly established under section 1 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973 shall be construed as a reference to a resolution or decision of the Assembly.
- 5 A reference to laying a document before, or presenting it to—
- (a) the Parliament of Northern Ireland or either House of that Parliament; or
- (b) the Assembly established under section 1 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973,
- shall be construed as a reference to laying it before, or presenting it to, the Assembly.
- 6 Paragraphs 2 to 5 apply to enactments and instruments passed or made before the appointed day.

Money

- 7 (1) A reference to—
- (a) money provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland; or
- (b) money appropriated by Measure of the Assembly established under section 1 of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973,
- shall be construed as a reference to money appropriated by Act of the Assembly.
- (2) A reference to payment into or out of the Exchequer of Northern Ireland shall be construed as a reference to payment into or out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland.
- (3) This paragraph applies to enactments and instruments passed or made before the appointed day.

Office-holders and Ministers

- 8 (1) A reference to—
- (a) the Governor of Northern Ireland;
- (b) the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council; or
- (c) the making of an Order in Council by the Governor of Northern Ireland,
- shall be construed as a reference to the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the making of an order by the Secretary of State.
- (2) This paragraph applies to enactments and instruments passed or made before 1st January 1974.
- 9 (1) A reference to—
- (a) the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland; or
- (b) the chief executive member,
- shall be construed as a reference to the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly.
- (2) References to Northern Ireland executive authorities shall be construed as references to Ministers and the Northern Ireland departments.
- (3) A reference to—
- (a) the Executive Committee for Northern Ireland; or
- (b) the Northern Ireland Executive,

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shall be construed as a reference to the Executive Committee established by section 20.

- (4) This paragraph applies to enactments and instruments passed or made before the appointed day.
- 10 (1) A reference to—
(a) a particular Ministry of Northern Ireland; or
(b) the Minister in charge of a particular Ministry,
shall, in relation to a function, be construed as a reference to the Northern Ireland department which exercises that function or to the Northern Ireland Minister in charge of that department.
- (2) A reference to an unspecified Ministry shall be construed as a reference to a Northern Ireland department.
- (3) This paragraph applies to enactments and instruments passed or made before 1st January 1974.
- 11 (1) A reference to—
(a) an unspecified Minister of Northern Ireland; or
(b) the head of a Northern Ireland department,
shall be construed as a reference to a Northern Ireland Minister.
- (2) A reference to the head of a specified Northern Ireland department shall, in relation to a function, be construed as a reference to the Northern Ireland Minister in charge of the department which exercises that function.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (1) “Northern Ireland Minister” includes the First Minister and the deputy First Minister.
- (4) This paragraph applies to enactments and instruments passed or made before the appointed day.

Courts

- 12 (1) A reference to the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland shall be construed as a reference to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.
- (2) A reference to the High Court of Justice in Ireland shall be construed as a reference to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland.
- (3) A reference to the Court of Appeal in Ireland shall be construed as a reference to the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland.
- (4) This paragraph applies to enactments and instruments passed or made before the passing of the Government of Ireland Act 1920.

Equal opportunity bodies

- 13 (1) A reference to—
(a) the Fair Employment Commission for Northern Ireland;
(b) the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland;
(c) the Commission for Racial Equality for Northern Ireland; or
(d) the Northern Ireland Disability Council,

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shall be construed as a reference to the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

- (2) This paragraph applies to enactments and instruments passed or made before section 74 comes into force.