



Civil Partnership Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 33

PART 6

RELATIONSHIPS ARISING THROUGH CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

247 Provisions to which section 246 applies: Acts of Parliament etc.

- (1) Section 246 applies to—
 - (a) any provision listed in Schedule 21 (references to stepchildren, in-laws etc. in existing Acts),
 - (b) except in so far as otherwise provided, any provision made by a future Act, and
 - (c) except in so far as otherwise provided, any provision made by future subordinate legislation.
- (2) A Minister of the Crown may by order—
 - (a) amend Schedule 21 by adding to it any provision of an existing Act;
 - (b) provide for section 246 to apply to prescribed provisions of existing subordinate legislation.
- (3) The power conferred by subsection (2) is also exercisable—
 - (a) by the Scottish Ministers, in relation to a relevant Scottish provision;
 - (b) by a Northern Ireland department, in relation to a provision which deals with a transferred matter;
 - (c) by the National Assembly for Wales, if the order is made by virtue of subsection (2)(b) and deals with matters with respect to which functions are exercisable by the Assembly.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), the power to make an order under subsection (2) is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (5) Any power of a Northern Ireland department to make an order under subsection (2) is exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1573 (N.I. 12)).

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- (6) A statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (2) made by a Minister of the Crown is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (7) A statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (2) made by the Scottish Ministers is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (8) A statutory rule containing an order under subsection (2) made by a Northern Ireland department is subject to negative resolution (within the meaning of section 41(6) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33 (N.I.))).
- (9) In this section—
- “Act” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - “existing Act” means an Act passed on or before the last day of the Session in which this Act is passed;
 - “existing subordinate legislation” means subordinate legislation made before the day on which this section comes into force;
 - “future Act” means an Act passed after the last day of the Session in which this Act is passed;
 - “future subordinate legislation” means subordinate legislation made on or after the day on which this section comes into force;
 - “Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975 (c. 26);
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by the order;
 - “relevant Scottish provision” means a provision that would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were included in an Act of that Parliament;
 - “subordinate legislation” has the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) except that it includes an instrument made under an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - “transferred matter” has the meaning given by section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47) and “deals with” in relation to a transferred matter is to be construed in accordance with section 98(2) and (3) of the 1998 Act.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 247 wholly in force at 5.12.2005; s. 247(2)-(7) in force at Royal Assent, see s. 263(7)(c); s. 247(8) (9) in force at 18.11.2004 by Royal Assent; s. 247(1) in force at 5.12.2005 by S.I. 2005/3175, art. 3, Sch. 2

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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. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(10) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)