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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 16

ASSOCIATIONS: EXCEPTIONS

Single characteristic associations

- 1 (1) An association does not contravene section 101(1) by restricting membership to persons who share a protected characteristic.
- (2) An association that restricts membership to persons who share a protected characteristic does not breach section 101(3) by restricting the access by associates to a benefit, facility or service to such persons as share the characteristic.
- (3) An association that restricts membership to persons who share a protected characteristic does not breach section 102(1) by inviting as guests, or by permitting to be invited as guests, only such persons as share the characteristic.
- (4) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3), so far as relating to race, do not apply in relation to colour.
- (5) This paragraph does not apply to an association that is a registered political party.

Commencement Information

- II** [Sch. 16 para. 1](#) wholly in force at 1.10.2012; [para. 1](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 216](#); [para. 1](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2010 by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(7\)\(d\)](#) (with [art. 15](#)); [para. 1](#) in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

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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. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)