



Interpretation Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 30

Supplementary

23 Application to other instruments.

- (1) The provisions of this Act, except sections 1 to 3 and 4(b), apply, so far as applicable and unless the contrary intention appears, to subordinate legislation made after the commencement of this Act and, to the extent specified in Part II of Schedule 2, to subordinate legislation made before the commencement of this Act, as they apply to Acts.
- (2) In the application of this Act to Acts passed or subordinate legislation made after the commencement of this Act, all references to an enactment include an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation whenever made, and references to the passing or repeal of an enactment are to be construed accordingly.
- (3) Sections 9 and 19(1) also apply to deeds and other instruments and documents as they apply to Acts and subordinate legislation; and in the application of section 17(2)(a) to Acts passed or subordinate legislation made after the commencement of this Act, the reference to any other enactment includes any deed or other instrument or document.
- (4) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to Orders in Council made under section 5 of the ^{M1}Statutory Instruments Act 1946, section 1(3) of the ^{M2}Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 or Schedule 1 to the ^{M3}Northern Ireland Act 1974.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 23(1)(2) excluded by Northern Ireland Act 1982 (c. 38, SIF 29:3), s. 6, **Sch. 2 para. 7(2)**
- C2** S. 23(3) excluded by Companies Act 1989 (c. 40, SIF 27), **s. 144(6)**
S. 23(3) excluded (6.4.2008 for specified purposes and otherwise 1.10.2009) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), **ss. 1160(4), 1300(2)**; S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 3(4)** (subject to art. 6, Sch. 1); S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 3(u)** (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch. 2 and S.I. 2009/2476, reg. 2(3))

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Marginal Citations**M1** 1946 c. 36.**M2** 1972 c. 22.**M3** 1974 c. 28.

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