



Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 45

PART I

FORGERY AND KINDRED OFFENCES

Interpretation of Part I

8 Meaning of “instrument”.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, in this Part of this Act “instrument” means—
- (a) any document, whether of a formal or informal character;
 - (b) any stamp issued or sold by [^{F1}a postal operator];
 - (c) any Inland Revenue stamp; and
 - (d) any disc, tape, sound track or other device on or in which information is recorded or stored by mechanical, electronic or other means.
- (2) A currency note within the meaning of Part II of this Act is not an instrument for the purposes of this Part of this Act.
- (3) A mark denoting payment of postage which the [^{F2}a postal operator authorises] to be used instead of an adhesive stamp is to be treated for the purposes of this Part of this Act as if it were a stamp issued by [^{F3}the postal operator concerned].
- [^{F4}(3A) In this section “postal operator” has [^{F5}the meaning given by section 27 of the Postal Services Act 2011].]
- (4) In this Part of this Act “Inland Revenue stamp” means a stamp as defined in section 27 of the ^{M1}Stamp Duties Management Act 1891.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 8(1)(b) substituted (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 para. 50(2)
- F2** Words in s. 8(3) substituted (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 para. 50(3)(a)
- F3** Words in s. 8(3) substituted (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 para. 50(3)(b)

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- F4** S. 8(3A) inserted (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 50(4)**
- F5** Words in s. 8(3A) substituted (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), s. 93(2)(3), **Sch. 12 para. 111**; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3

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