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)**

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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There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981, Section 8.