



Contempt of Court Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 49

Supplemental

19 Interpretation.

In this Act—

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“court” includes any tribunal or body exercising the judicial power of the State, and “legal proceedings” shall be construed accordingly;

“publication” has the meaning assigned by subsection (1) of section 2, and “publish” (except in section 9) shall be construed accordingly;

“Scottish proceedings” means proceedings before any court, including the [F2Court Martial Appeal Court], F3... and the Employment Appeal Tribunal, sitting in Scotland, and includes proceedings before the [F4Supreme Court] in the exercise of any appellate jurisdiction over proceedings in such a court;

“the strict liability rule” has the meaning assigned by section 1;

“superior court” means [F5the Supreme Court] the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the Crown Court, the [F2Court Martial Appeal Court], F3... the Employment Appeal Tribunal and any other court exercising in relation to its proceedings powers equivalent to those of the High Court F6. . . .

Textual Amendments

F1 Definition inserted by [Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984](#) (c. 46, SIF 96), s. 57(1), [Sch. 5 para. 39\(2\)](#) and repealed by [Broadcasting Act 1990](#) (c. 42, SIF 96), s. 203(1)(3), [Sch. 20 para. 31\(2\)](#), [Sch. 21](#)

F2 Words in S. 19 substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006](#) (c. 52), s. 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 91](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)

F3 Words in s. 19 repealed (10.3.2013) by [The Competition Act 1998 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/294), arts. 1, 2, [Sch.](#)

F4 Words in s. 19 substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005](#) (c. 4), s. 148(1), [Sch. 9 para. 35\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/1604, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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- F5** Words in s. 19 inserted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 148(1), **Sch. 9 para. 35(3)**; S.I. 2009/1604, **art. 2(d)**
- F6** Words in s. 19 repealed (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 148(1), Sch. 9 para. 35(3), **Sch. 18 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2009/1604, **art. 2(d)(f)**

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