



# Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982

## 1982 CHAPTER 29

### PART III

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

#### 18 Interpretation: general.

(1) In the preceding provisions of this Act and this section—

“bailee”, in relation to a [<sup>F1</sup>relevant contract for the hire of goods] means (depending on the context) a person to whom the goods are bailed under the contract, or a person to whom they are to be so bailed, or a person to whom the rights under the contract of either of those persons have passed;

“bailor”, in relation to a [<sup>F1</sup>relevant contract for the hire of goods], means (depending on the context) a person who bails the goods under the contract, or a person who agrees to do so, or a person to whom the duties under the contract of either of those persons have passed;

“business” includes profession and the activities of any government department or local or public authority;

“credit-broker” means a person acting in the course of a business of credit brokerage carried on by him;

“credit brokerage” means the effecting of introductions—

- (a) of individuals desiring to obtain credit to persons carrying on any business so far as it relates to the provision of credit; or
- (b) of individuals desiring to obtain goods on hire to persons carrying on a business which comprises or relates to the bailment [<sup>F2</sup>or as regards Scotland the hire]of goods under a [<sup>F1</sup>relevant contract for the hire of goods]; or
- (c) of individuals desiring to obtain credit, or to obtain goods on hire, to other credit-brokers;

“enactment” means any legislation (including subordinate legislation) of the United Kingdom or Northern Ireland;

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“goods” [F3]includes all personal chattels, other than things in action and money, and as regards Scotland all corporeal moveables; and in particular “goods” includes] emblements, industrial growing crops, and things attached to or forming part of the land which are agreed to be severed before the transfer [F3]bailment or hire]concerned or under the contract concerned F4. . . ;

“hire-purchase agreement” has the same meaning as in the 1974 Act;

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F6“property”, in relation to goods, means the general property in them and not merely a special property;

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“transferee”, in relation to a [F10]relevant contract for the transfer of goods], means (depending on the context) a person to whom the property in the goods is transferred under the contract, or a person to whom the property is to be so transferred, or a person to whom the rights under the contract of either of those persons have passed;

“transferor”, in relation to a [F10]relevant contract for the transfer of goods], means (depending on the context) a person who transfers the property in the goods under the contract, or a person who agrees to do so, or a person to whom the duties under the contract of either of those persons have passed.

(2) In subsection (1) above, in the definitions of bailee, bailor, transferee and transferor, a reference to rights or duties passing is to their passing by assignment [F11]assignment], operation of law or otherwise.

[F12](3) For the purposes of this Act, the quality of goods includes their state and condition and the following (among others) are in appropriate cases aspects of the quality of goods—

- (a) fitness for all the purposes for which goods of the kind in question are commonly supplied,
- (b) appearance and finish,
- (c) freedom from minor defects,
- (d) safety, and
- (e) durability.

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Textual Amendments	
<b>F1</b>	Words in Act substituted (1.10.2015) by <a href="#">Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), Sch. 1 para. 38(b)</a> ; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(g) (with art. 6(1))
<b>F2</b>	Words in s. 18(1) in para. (b) of the definition of "credit-brokerage" inserted (3.1.1995) by <a href="#">1994 c. 35, ss. 6, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(a)</a> (with s. 8(3))
<b>F3</b>	Words in s. 18(1) in the definition of "goods" substituted (3.1.1995) by <a href="#">1994 c. 35, ss. 6, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(b)(i)(ii)</a> (with s. 8(3))
<b>F4</b>	Words in s. 18(1) in the definition of "goods" repealed (3.1.1995) by <a href="#">1994 c. 35, ss. 6, 7, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(b)(iii), Sch.3</a> (with s. 8(3))
<b>F5</b>	Definitions of “producer” and “repair” in s. 18(1) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of <a href="#">Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), Sch. 1 para. 52(2)</a> ; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(g) (with art. 6(1))

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- F6** Definition of "producer" in s. 18(1) inserted by (31.3.2003) by The Sale and Supply of Goods to Consumers Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3045), **reg. 12(2)**
- F7** In s. 18 the definition of "quality" repealed (3.1.1995) by 1994 c. 35, s. 7, Sch. 2 para. 6(10), **Sch. 3**
- F8** S. 18: definitions repealed (E.W.S.) (6.4.2005) by The Regulatory Reform (Trading Stamps) Order 2005 {S.I. 2005/871}, {art. 5(e)}; (N.I.) (15.11.2005) by The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1452 (N.I. 7)), arts. 21(2)(c), 24, **Sch. 2**; S.R. 2005/494, **art. 2(1)(b)(d)**
- F9** Definition of "repair" in s. 18(1) inserted (31.3.2003) by The Sale and Supply of Goods to Consumers Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3045), **reg. 12(2)**
- F10** Words in Act substituted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 1 para. 38(a)**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(g) (with art. 6(1))
- F11** Words in s. 18(2) inserted (3.1.1995) by 1994 c. 35, ss. 6, 8(2), **Sch. 1 para.3** (with s. 8(3))
- F12** S. 18(3)(4) inserted (3.1.1995) by 1994 c. 35, ss. 7, 8(2), **Sch. 2 para. 6(10)** (with s. 8(3))
- F13** S. 18(4) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 1 para. 52(3)**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(g) (with art. 6(1))

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