



Human Rights Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 42

Derogations and reservations

15 Reservations.

- (1) In this Act “designated reservation” means—
 - (a) the United Kingdom’s reservation to Article 2 of the First Protocol to the Convention; and
 - (b) any other reservation by the United Kingdom to an Article of the Convention, or of any protocol to the Convention, which is designated for the purposes of this Act in an order made by the [F¹Secretary of State] .
- (2) The text of the reservation referred to in subsection (1)(a) is set out in Part II of Schedule 3.
- (3) If a designated reservation is withdrawn wholly or in part it ceases to be a designated reservation.
- (4) But subsection (3) does not prevent the [F²Secretary of State] from exercising his power under subsection (1)(b) to make a fresh designation order in respect of the Article concerned.
- (5) [F³Secretary of State] must by order make such amendments to this Act as he considers appropriate to reflect—
 - (a) any designation order; or
 - (b) the effect of subsection (3).

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Words in s. 15 substituted (19.8.2003) by [The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 \(S. I. 2003/1887\), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 10\(1\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 15 substituted (19.8.2003) by [The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 \(S. I. 2003/1887\), art. 9, Sch. 2 para. 10\(1\)](#)

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Human Rights Act 1998:

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/1059](#) Order transitional provisions for effects of commencing SI 2009/812