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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 8

#### MODIFICATIONS OF ENACTMENTS

##### Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 8 wholly in force at 1.4.2000: Sch. 8 partly in force at Royal Assent see s. 130(1); specified provisions of Sch. 8 in force at 6.5.1999, 20.5.1999, 1.7.1999 and 1.4.2000 by [S.I. 1998/3178](#), [arts. 2\(2\)](#), 3.

##### *Interpretation Act 1978 (c.30)*

- 16 (1) The Interpretation Act 1978 is amended as follows.  
(2) After section 23 there is inserted—

##### **“23A Acts of the Scottish Parliament etc.**

- (1) This Act applies in relation to an Act of the Scottish Parliament and an instrument made under such an Act only to the extent provided in this section.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) below, sections 15 to 18 apply to—
- an Act of the Scottish Parliament as they apply to an Act,
  - an instrument made under an Act of the Scottish Parliament as they apply to subordinate legislation.
- (3) In the application of those sections to an Act and to subordinate legislation—
- references to an enactment include an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament, and
  - the reference in section 17(2)(b) to subordinate legislation includes an instrument made under an Act of the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) In the application of section 20 to an Act and to subordinate legislation, references to an enactment include an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament.”
- (3) In Schedule 1 (words and expressions defined), the following definitions are inserted in the appropriate places—
- ““Act” means an Act of Parliament.”
- ““Enactment” does not include an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament.”

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