

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2001
(c.19) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

ARMED FORCES ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Amendments of Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992

123. The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 provides for the anonymity of alleged victims of certain sexual offences. Broadly, the purpose of this Act is to prevent the publication of anything which may identify the complainant.
124. The purpose of the Schedule is to ensure that the 1992 Act applies to relevant offences tried under the SDAs world-wide. Paragraphs 1 to 3 amend the 1992 Act to provide that the provisions of that Act apply to corresponding offences under the SDAs, to amend the provisions relating to the definition of an accusation so that it includes reference to the Service charges, and to include necessary definitions. Paragraph 4 amends the section in the 1992 Act dealing with courts-martial to take account of the changes mentioned above.