



# Armed Forces Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 18

### *Other amendments and repeals*

#### **24 Byelaws for service purposes** **U.K.**

- (1) In section 2 of the Military Lands Act 1900 (sea byelaws)—
- (a) in subsection (2), omit paragraph (b) of the proviso;
  - (b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Before making any such byelaws the Secretary of State must—

    - (a) take all reasonable steps to ascertain whether the byelaws would injuriously affect any public rights; and
    - (b) be satisfied, in relation to every public right that the Secretary of State considers would be injuriously affected by the byelaws—
      - (i) that a restriction of the right is required for the safety of the public or for the requirements of the military purpose for which the area to which the byelaws apply is used; and
      - (ii) that the restriction of the right imposed by the byelaws is only to such extent as is reasonable in all the circumstances of the case.”;
  - (c) omit subsection (3).
- (2) In section 17(1) of the Military Lands Act 1892 (notice of byelaws), for the words from “necessary” to the end substitute “ appropriate ”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**11** [S. 24](#) in force at 8.3.2012 by [S.I. 2012/669](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

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## 25 Claims against visiting forces: transfer of liability **U.K.**

After section 9 of the Visiting Forces Act 1952 insert—

### “9A Claims against visiting forces: transfer of liability

- (1) This section applies where a claim is brought in a court in the United Kingdom against a country to which this section applies (“the country concerned”) and the claim is within subsection (2).
- (2) A claim is within this subsection if—
  - (a) it is a claim in tort;
  - (b) it arises—
    - (i) out of an act done by a member of a visiting force of the country concerned, or of a civilian component of such a force, in the performance of official duties; or
    - (ii) out of any other act or occurrence for which a visiting force of the country concerned, or a civilian component of such a force, is legally responsible;
  - (c) it is brought by a third party; and
  - (d) it is not an excluded claim.
- (3) Where this section applies the Secretary of State may, if requested to do so by the country concerned, make a declaration under this section.
- (4) A declaration under this section is a written declaration, signed by the Secretary of State, which—
  - (a) specifies the claim concerned and the matter to which it relates; and
  - (b) states that, with effect from a time specified in the declaration, any liability in tort of the country concerned in respect of that matter is transferred to the Ministry of Defence.
- (5) A declaration under this section has the effect that the liability mentioned in the declaration is transferred to the Ministry of Defence at the time specified in the declaration.
- (6) The Secretary of State must notify the country concerned and the claimant where a declaration under this section has been made.
- (7) Section 9 does not apply to a claim in respect of which liability has been transferred under this section.
- (8) In this section—
 

“act” includes an omission;

“the Agreement” means the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of their Forces, done in London on 19th June 1951;

“excluded claim” means a claim to which, by virtue of paragraph 5(h) of Article VIII of the Agreement (certain claims arising from ships and cargo), paragraph 5(a) of that Article does not apply;

“third party” means a person other than a member of a visiting force of the country concerned or of a civilian component of such a force;

“tort” includes delict.

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(9) It is immaterial for the purposes of this section whether the country concerned is the only defendant in relation to the claim mentioned in subsection (1).”

**Commencement Information**

**I2** [S. 25](#) in force at 6.4.2013 by [S.I. 2013/784](#), **art. 3**

**26 Judge advocates sitting in civilian courts** **U.K.**

Schedule 2 (which makes provision enabling judge advocates to sit in the Crown Court and magistrates' courts) has effect.

**Commencement Information**

**I3** [S. 26](#) in force at 2.4.2012 by [S.I. 2012/669](#), **art. 4(c)**

**27 Repeal of Naval Medical Compassionate Fund Act 1915** **U.K.**

The Naval Medical Compassionate Fund Act 1915 ceases to have effect.

**Commencement Information**

**I4** [S. 27](#) in force at 2.4.2012 by [S.I. 2012/669](#), **art. 4(a)**

**F1 28 Call out of reserve forces** **U.K.**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** [S. 28](#) omitted (1.10.2014) by virtue of [Defence Reform Act 2014 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 45(10)**, 50(1); [S.I. 2014/2370](#), **art. 4(b)**

**29 Minor amendments of service legislation** **U.K.**

Schedule 3 (minor amendments of service legislation) has effect.

**Commencement Information**

**I5** [S. 29](#) in force in so far as not already in force at 2.4.2012 by [S.I. 2012/669](#), **art. 4(d)**

**I6** [S. 29](#) in force for specified purposes at 8.3.2012 by [S.I. 2012/669](#), **art. 3(e)**

**30 Consequential amendments and repeals** **U.K.**

(1) Schedule 4 (consequential amendments) has effect.

(2) Schedule 5 (repeals and revocations) has effect.

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#### Commencement Information

- I7** S. 30(1) in force for specified purposes at 1.11.2013 by S.I. 2013/2501, **art. 3(d)**
- I8** S. 30(1) in force for specified purposes at 14.12.2012 by S.I. 2012/2921, **art. 3(b)**
- I9** S. 30(1) in force for specified purposes at 2.4.2012 by S.I. 2012/669, **art. 4(e)**
- I10** S. 30(1) in force for specified purposes at 8.3.2012 by S.I. 2012/669, **art. 3(f)**
- I11** S. 30(2) in force for specified purposes at 1.11.2013 by S.I. 2013/2501, **art. 3(e)**
- I12** S. 30(2) in force for specified purposes at 14.12.2012 by S.I. 2012/2921, **art. 3(c)**
- I13** S. 30(2) in force for specified purposes at 2.4.2012 by S.I. 2012/669, **art. 4(f)**
- I14** S. 30(2) in force for specified purposes at 8.3.2012 by S.I. 2012/669, **art. 3(g)**

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