



# Digital Economy Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 30

### PART 5

#### DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

### CHAPTER 4

#### FRAUD AGAINST THE PUBLIC SECTOR

## 63 Interpretation of this Chapter

(1) In this Chapter—

“the appropriate national authority” means the relevant Minister, subject to subsections (2) to (4);

“enactment” includes—

- (a) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- (b) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales;
- (c) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, Northern Ireland legislation;
- (d) an enactment contained in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978;

“functions” means functions of a public nature;

“Northern Ireland body” means—

- (a) a Minister within the meaning of the Northern Ireland Act 1998,
- (b) a Northern Ireland department,
- (c) a Northern Ireland public authority within the meaning of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, or
- (d) a person providing services to a person within paragraph (a), (b) or (c);

“personal information” has the meaning given by section 57(5);

---

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Digital Economy Act 2017, Section 63. (See end of Document for details)*

---

“public authority” has the meaning given by section 56(14);

“relevant Minister” means the Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office;

“the Revenue and Customs” has the meaning given by section 17(3) of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005;

“Scottish body” means—

- (a) a person who is a part of the Scottish Administration,
- (b) a Scottish public authority with mixed functions or no reserved functions (within the meaning of the Scotland Act 1998), or
- (c) a person providing services to a person within paragraph (a) or (b);

“specified person” has the meaning given by section 56(5);

“Welsh body” means—

- (a) a devolved Welsh authority as defined by section 157A of the Government of Wales Act 2006, or
- (b) a person providing services to a devolved Welsh authority as defined by that section.

- (2) The Scottish Ministers are the appropriate national authority in relation to regulations under section 56(6) which add, modify or remove an entry relating to a person who is, or a description of persons each of whom is, a Scottish body.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers are the appropriate national authority in relation to regulations under section 56(6) which add, modify or remove an entry relating to a person who is, or a description of persons each of whom is, a Welsh body.
- (4) The Department of Finance in Northern Ireland is the appropriate national authority in relation to regulations under section 56(6) which add, modify or remove an entry relating to a person who is, or a description of persons each of whom is, a Northern Ireland body.

---

**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 63 in force at 1.5.2018 for E.W.S. by S.I. 2018/382, reg. 3(z)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Digital Economy Act 2017, Section 63.