



Legislation (Wales) Act 2019

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PART 2

INTERPRETATION AND OPERATION OF WELSH LEGISLATION

References in Welsh legislation to legislation and other documents

21 References to portions of enactments, instruments and documents

- (1) Where an Assembly Act or a Welsh subordinate instrument—
 - (a) describes or refers to a portion of any enactment, instrument or document, and
 - (b) does so by referring to words, sections or other parts from or to which (or from and to which) the portion extends,the portion includes the words, sections or other parts referred to.
- (2) In subsection (1), “enactment” includes an enactment which is, or is contained in, any of the following—
 - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) Northern Ireland legislation (within the meaning given by section 24(5) of the [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#));
 - (c) an instrument made under legislation mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

22 Edition of Assembly Act or Assembly Measure referred to

- (1) This section applies where an Assembly Act or a Welsh subordinate instrument refers to an Assembly Act (including an Assembly Act to which this Part does not apply) or an Assembly Measure.
- (2) The reference is a reference to the certified copy of the Act, or to the Measure as approved, which is published—
 - (a) by the Queen’s Printer, or
 - (b) under the superintendence or authority of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office.

23 Edition of Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom referred to

- (1) This section applies where an Assembly Act or a Welsh subordinate instrument refers to an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom (whether by its short title or by year, statute, session or chapter).
- (2) The reference is a reference to the Act as enacted which is published—
 - (a) by the Queen’s Printer, or
 - (b) under the superintendence or authority of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office.
- (3) But—
 - (a) where the reference is to an Act included in a revised edition of the statutes printed by authority, the reference is a reference to that edition;
 - (b) where paragraph (a) does not apply and the reference is to an Act included in the edition prepared under the direction of the Record Commission, the reference is a reference to that edition.

24 References to direct EU legislation retained in domestic law after EU exit

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) an Assembly Act receives Royal Assent, or a Welsh subordinate instrument is made, on or after exit day, and
 - (b) the Act or instrument refers to any EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement that forms part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\)](#) (incorporation of direct EU legislation).
- (2) The reference is a reference to the EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement as it forms part of domestic law (and not as it forms part of EU law).
- (3) In this section, the following expressions have the meanings given by section 20(1) of the [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018](#)—
 - “domestic law”;
 - “EU decision”;
 - “EU regulation”;
 - “EU tertiary legislation”.

25 References to enactments are to enactments as amended

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) an Assembly Act or a Welsh subordinate instrument refers to an enactment (“A”), and
 - (b) at any time (whether before, on or after the day on which the Assembly Act receives Royal Assent or the Welsh subordinate instrument is made) A is amended, extended or applied by an enactment (“B”).
- (2) The reference to A is a reference to A as amended, extended or applied by B.
- (3) Nothing in sections 22 to 24 limits the operation of this section.
- (4) In subsection (1), “enactment” includes an enactment which is, or is contained in, any of the following—

- (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- (b) Northern Ireland legislation (within the meaning given by section 24(5) of the [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#));
- (c) an instrument made under legislation mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

26 References to EU instruments

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) an Assembly Act or a Welsh subordinate instrument refers to an EU instrument (“A”), and
 - (b) before the day on which the Assembly Act receives Royal Assent or the Welsh subordinate instrument is made, A has been amended, extended or applied by another EU instrument (“B”).
- (2) The reference to A is a reference to A as amended, extended or applied by B.
- (3) See also regulation 2 of the [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(Consequential Modifications and Repeals and Revocations\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/628\)](#) for provision about the effect on or after exit day of certain references which exist before exit day.