



Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021

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PART 1

DEFAMATION

Defences

8 Abolition of common law defences and transitional provision

- (1) Any rules of law providing for—
- (a) the defence of innocent dissemination,
 - (b) the defence of veritas,
 - (c) the defence known as the Reynolds defence,
 - (d) the defence of fair comment,
- cease to have effect.
- (2) Nothing in sections 5 to 7 or subsection (1) of this section has effect in relation to defamation proceedings if the right to bring the proceedings accrued before the commencement of the section or subsection in question.

Commencement Information

11 S. 8 in force at 8.8.2022 by [S.S.I. 2022/154](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021, Section 8.