



Public Order Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 64

PART III

RACIAL HATRED

Supplementary provisions

29 Interpretation.

In this Part—

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[^{F2}“distribute”, and related expressions, shall be construed in accordance with section 19(3) (written material) and section 21(2) (recordings);]

[^{F2}“dwelling” means any structure or part of a structure occupied as a person’s home or other living accommodation (whether the occupation is separate or shared with others) but does not include any part not so occupied, and for this purpose “structure” includes a tent, caravan, vehicle, vessel or other temporary or movable structure;]

“programme” means any item which is [^{F3}included in a programme service];

[^{F4}“programme service” has the same meaning as in the Broadcasting Act 1990;]

[^{F2}“publish”, and related expressions, in relation to written material, shall be construed in accordance with section 19 (3);]

“racial hatred” has the meaning given by section 17;

[^{F5}“recording” has the meaning given by section 21(2), and “play” and “show”, and related expressions, in relation to a recording, shall be construed in accordance with that provision;][^{F5}“recording” means any record from which visual images or sounds may, by any means, be reproduced;]

“written material” includes any sign or other visible representation.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Definitions repealed by [Broadcasting Act 1990 \(c. 42, SIF 96\)](#), ss. 164(5)(a), 203(3), **Sch. 21**
- F2** Words in s. 29 repealed (S.) (1.4.2024) by [Hate Crime and Public Order \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(asp 14\)](#), s. 21(2), **sch. 2 para. 1(5)(a)**; S.S.I. 2024/82, reg. 2 (with reg. 3)
- F3** Words substituted by [Broadcasting Act 1990 \(c. 42, SIF 96\)](#), **s. 164(5)(b)**
- F4** Definition inserted by [Broadcasting Act 1990 \(c. 42, SIF 96\)](#), **s. 164(5)(c)**
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4B inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 1](#)