



2022 CHAPTER 17

Interpretation, commencement and short title

Interpretation

21. In this Act—

“the Department” means the Department of Justice;

“interim stalking protection order” has the meaning given in section 11(1);

“stalking protection order” has the meaning given in section 7(1);

“UK national” means an individual who is—

- (a) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British National (Overseas) or a British Overseas citizen,
- (b) a person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject,
or
- (c) a British protected person within the meaning of that Act.

Commencement

22.—(1) Sections 1 to 5, sections 18 to 21, this section and section 23 come into operation on the day after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

(2) The other provisions of this Act come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

(3) The Department may by order make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Department considers appropriate in connection with the coming into operation of any provision of this Act.

Short title

23. This Act may be cited as the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.