



# Interpretation Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 30

### *Repealing enactments*

#### **16 General savings.**

- (1) Without prejudice to section 15, where an Act repeals an enactment, the repeal does not, unless the contrary intention appears,—
- (a) revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the repeal takes effect;
  - (b) affect the previous operation of the enactment repealed or anything duly done or suffered under that enactment;
  - (c) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under that enactment;
  - (d) affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against that enactment;
  - (e) affect any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment;
- and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed, as if the repealing Act had not been passed.
- (2) This section applies to the expiry of a temporary enactment as if it were repealed by an Act.

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#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 16 excluded (E.W.) by [Mineral Workings Act 1985 \(c. 12, SIF 86\)](#), ss. **3(3)**, 6(2)  
**C2** S. 16 excluded by [Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 \(c. 5, SIF 2:3\)](#), s. 99, Sch. 13 paras. 3, 8

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Interpretation Act 1978, Section 16 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.