



Defamation Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 31

Supplementary provisions

16 Repeals.

The enactments specified in Schedule 2 are repealed to the extent specified.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 16 wholly in force; S. 16 partly in force at Royal Assent see s. 19(2)(3); s. 16 in force for certain purposes at 1.4.1999 by S.I. 1999/817, art. 2(b); s. 16 in force for E.W. at 28.2.2000 by S.I. 2000/222, art. 3; s. 16 in force for S. at 31.3.2001 insofar as not already in force by S.S.I. 2001/98, art. 3(b)(i)
- 12** S. 16 in force at 6.1.2010 for N.I. in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2009/2858, art. 3(d)

17 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“publication” and “publish”, in relation to a statement, have the meaning they have for the purposes of the law of defamation generally, but “publisher” is specially defined for the purposes of section 1;

“statement” means words, pictures, visual images, gestures or any other method of signifying meaning; and

“statutory provision” means—

(a) a provision contained in an Act or in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the ^{M1}Interpretation Act 1978

[^{F1}(aa) a provision contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament or in an instrument made under such an Act,]or

(b) a statutory provision within the meaning given by section 1(f) of the ^{M2}Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

^{F2}(2)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation Act 1996, Cross Heading: Supplementary provisions. (See end of Document for details)

Extent Information

- E1** S. 17 extends to the United Kingdom; s. 17(2) extends to Scotland see s. 18(1)(2)(3).

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 17(1)(aa) inserted (6.5.1999) by 1998 c. 46, s. 125, **Sch. 8**, para. 33(2)(with s. 126(3)-(11)); S. I. 1998/3178, art. 2(2), **Sch. 3**
- F2** S. 17(2) repealed (S.) (8.8.2022) by Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 10), **ss. 35(3)(a)**, 39(2); S.S.I. 2022/154, regs. 1(2), 2

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 17 partly in force; s. 17 partly in force at Royal Assent see s. 19(2)(3); s. 17 in force for certain purposes at 1.4.1999 by S.I. 1999/817, **art. 2(a)**; s. 17(1) fully in force for E.W. at 28.2.2000 by S.I. 2000/222, **art. 3**; s. 17 in force for S. at 31.3.2001 insofar as not already in force by S.S.I. 2001/98, **art. 3(b)(ii)**
- I4** S. 17(1) in force at 6.1.2010 for N.I. in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2009/2858, **art. 3(d)**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1978 c. 30.
- M2** 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

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