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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 8

#### MODIFICATIONS OF ENACTMENTS

##### Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 8 wholly in force at 1.4.2000; Sch. 8 partly in force at Royal Assent see s. 130(1); specified provisions of Sch. 8 in force at 6.5.1999, 20.5.1999, 1.7.1999 and 1.4.2000 by [S.I. 1998/3178](#), [arts. 2\(2\)](#), 3.

##### *Defamation Act 1996 (c.31)*

- 33 (1) The Defamation Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 17(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “statutory provision”, after “1978” there is inserted—
- “(aa) a provision contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament or in an instrument made under such an Act.”
- (3) In paragraph 11(1)(c) of Schedule 1 (qualified privilege), after “Minister of the Crown” there is inserted “a member of the Scottish Executive”.

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