Care Standards Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 14

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Preliminary

1 [F1Children's homes in England].

(1) Subsections (2) to (6) have effect for the purposes of this Act [F2as it applies in relation to England].

(2) An establishment [F3in England] is a children’s home (subject to the following provisions of this section) if it provides care and accommodation wholly or mainly for children.

(3) An establishment is not a children’s home merely because a child is cared for and accommodated there by a parent or relative of his or by a foster parent.

[F4(4) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

[F5(4A) An establishment [F6... is not a children's home if it is—

(a) a hospital (within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 2006); or

(b) a residential family centre,

or if it is of a description excepted by regulations.]

(5) Subject to subsection (6), an establishment is not a children’s home if it is a school.

(6) A school is a children’s home at any time if at that time accommodation is provided for children at the school and either—

(a) in each year that fell within the period of two years ending at that time, accommodation was provided for children, either at the school or under arrangements made by the proprietor of the school, for more than 295 days; or
(b) it is intended to provide accommodation for children, either at the school or under arrangements made by the proprietor of the school, for more than 295 days in any year;

and in this subsection “year” means a period of twelve months.

But accommodation shall not for the purposes of paragraph (a) be regarded as provided to children for a number of days unless there is at least one child to whom it is provided for that number of days; and paragraph (b) shall be construed accordingly.

(7) For the purposes of this section a person is a foster parent in relation to a child if—

(a) he is a local authority foster parent in relation to the child;

(b) he is a foster parent with whom a child has been placed by a voluntary organisation under section 59(1)(a) of the 1989 Act; or

(c) he fosters the child privately.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1 heading substituted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 2(e); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(b), Sch. (with art. 6)

F2 Words in s. 1(1) inserted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 2(a); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(b), Sch. (with art. 6)

F3 Words in s. 1(2) inserted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 2(b); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(b), Sch. (with art. 6)

F4 S. 1(4) repealed (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 2(c); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(b), Sch. (with art. 6)

F5 S. 1(4A) inserted (21.7.2008 for certain purposes and 1.10.2010 otherwise) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170, Sch. 5 para. 2(3); S.I. 2010/807, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-22)

F6 Words in s. 1(4A) repealed (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 2(d); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(b), Sch. (with art. 6)

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2 Independent hospitals etc.

(1) Subsections (2) to (6) apply for the purposes of this Act [F7 as it applies in relation to Wales].

(2) A hospital which is not a health service hospital is an independent hospital.

(3) “Hospital” (except in the expression health service hospital) means—

(a) an establishment—
(i) the main purpose of which is to provide medical or psychiatric treatment for illness or mental disorder or palliative care; or
(ii) in which (whether or not other services are also provided) any of the listed services are provided;
(b) any other establishment in which treatment or nursing (or both) are provided for persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983.

(4) “Independent clinic” means an establishment of a prescribed kind (not being a hospital) in which services are provided by medical practitioners (whether or not any services are also provided for the purposes of the establishment elsewhere).

But an establishment in which, or for the purposes of which, services are provided by medical practitioners in pursuance of the National Health Service Act 2006 or the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 is not an independent clinic.

(5) “Independent medical agency” means an undertaking (not being an independent clinic or an independent hospital) which consists of or includes the provision of services by medical practitioners.

But if any of the services are provided for the purposes of an independent clinic, or by medical practitioners in pursuance of the National Health Service Act 2006 or the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, it is not an independent medical agency.

(6) References to a person liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 do not include a person absent in pursuance of leave granted under section 17 of that Act.

(7) In this section “listed services” means—
(a) medical treatment under anaesthesia or sedation;
(b) dental treatment under general anaesthesia;
(c) obstetric services and, in connection with childbirth, medical services;
(d) termination of pregnancies;
(e) cosmetic surgery;
(f) treatment using prescribed techniques or prescribed technology.

(8) Regulations may—
(a) except any description of establishment from the definitions in subsections (2) to (4);
(b) except any description of undertaking from the definition in subsection (5);
(c) modify the definition in subsection (7).
Care homes in England

(1) For the purposes of this Act, an establishment is a care home if it provides accommodation, together with nursing or personal care, for any of the following persons.

(2) They are—
   (a) persons who are or have been ill;
   (b) persons who have or have had a mental disorder;
   (c) persons who are disabled or infirm;
   (d) persons who are or have been dependent on alcohol or drugs.

(3) And an establishment is not a care home if it is—
   (a) a hospital (within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 2006); or
   (b) a children’s home,
   or if it is of a description excepted by regulations.

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 3 heading substituted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 3(d); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F11 Words in s. 3(1) inserted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 3(a); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F12 S. 3(3) repealed (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 3(b); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F13 S. 3(4) inserted (21.7.2008 for certain purposes and 1.10.2010 otherwise) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170, Sch. 5 para. 4(3); S.I. 2010/807, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-22)
F14 Words in s. 3(4) repealed (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 3(c); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
4 Other basic definitions.

(1) This section has effect for the purposes of this Act.

(2) “Residential family centre” means, subject to subsection (6), any establishment [F15 in England] at which—

(a) accommodation is provided for children and their parents;
(b) the parents’ capacity to respond to the children’s needs and to safeguard their welfare is monitored or assessed; and
(c) the parents are given such advice, guidance or counselling as is considered necessary.

In this subsection “parent”, in relation to a child, includes any person who is looking after him.

(3) “Domiciliary care agency” means, subject to subsection (6), an undertaking which consists of or includes arranging the provision of personal care in their own homes for persons [F16 in England] who by reason of illness, infirmity or disability are unable to provide it for themselves without assistance.

(4) “Fostering agency” means, subject to subsection (6)—

(a) an undertaking which consists of or includes discharging functions of local authorities [F17 in England] in connection with the placing of children with foster parents; or
(b) a voluntary organisation [F18 in England] which places children with foster parents under section 59(1) of the 1989 Act.

(5) The definitions in subsections (2) to (5) do not include any description of establishment, undertaking or organisation excepted from those definitions by regulations.

(7) “Voluntary adoption agency” means an adoption society within the meaning of the [F20 the Adoption and Children Act 2002] which is a voluntary organisation within the meaning of that Act [F21 whose principal office is in England].

(7A) “Adoption support agency” [F23 means an undertaking in England which is an adoption support agency within] the meaning given by section 8 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.]

(8) Below in this Act—

(a) any reference to a description of establishment is a reference to—

(i) a children’s home [F25 in England],
(ii) a children’s home [F26 in England] providing accommodation for the purpose of restricting liberty,
(iii) an independent hospital in Wales,
(iv) an independent hospital in Wales in which treatment or nursing (or both) are provided for persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983,

(v) an independent clinic in Wales,

(vi) ... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

(vii) a residential family centre [F29 in England];

(b) a reference to any establishment is a reference to an establishment of any of those descriptions.

[F29(9)] Below in this Act—

(a) any reference to a description of agency is a reference to—

(i) an independent medical agency in Wales or, where the activities of an independent medical agency are carried on from two or more branches, a branch in Wales of an independent medical agency,

(ii) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

(iii) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

(iv) a fostering agency or, where the activities of a fostering agency are carried on from two or more branches, a branch of a fostering agency,

(v) a voluntary adoption agency, or

(vi) an adoption support agency or, where the activities of an adoption support agency are carried on from two or more branches, a branch of an adoption support agency;

(b) a reference to any agency is a reference to an agency or branch of any of those descriptions.

[F31(10)] . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
the registration authority in the case of establishments and agencies mentioned
in subsection (1A) is Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children's
Services and Skills (referred to in this Act as “the CIECSS”);]
(b) the registration authority [F32 in the case of establishments and agencies
mentioned in subsection (1B)] is the National Assembly for Wales (referred
to in this Act as “the Assembly”).

[F32(1A) The establishments and agencies [F32 mentioned in subsection (1)(a)] are—
(a) children’s homes in England,
(b) residential family centres in England,
(c) fostering agencies in England or, where the activities of a fostering agency
are carried on from two or more branches, the branches in England,
(d) voluntary adoption agencies whose principal office is in England, and

5 Registration authorities.
For the purposes of this Act—

F25 Words in s. 4(8)(a)(i) inserted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 4(g)(i); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F26 Words in s. 4(8)(a)(ii) inserted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 4(g)(ii); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F27 S. 4(8)(a)(vi) repealed (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 4(g)(vi); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F28 Words in s. 4(8)(a)(vii) inserted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 4(g)(vii); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F29 S. 4(9) substituted (1.10.2010) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170, Sch. 5 para. 5(3); S.I. 2010/807, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-22)
F30 S. 4(9)(a)(ii)(i) repealed (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 4(h); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)
F31 S. 4(10) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), ss. 93(1), 115(7); S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(g)

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(c) adoption support agencies in England or, where the activities of an adoption support agency are carried on from two or more branches, the branches in England.

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Textual Amendments

F32 S. 5(1)(a) substituted (1.10.2010) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170, Sch. 5 para. 6(2)(a); S.I. 2010/807, art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with arts. 3-22)
F33 Words in s. 5(1)(b) substituted (29.4.2019) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 5(a); S.I. 2019/864, art. 2(3)(d), Sch. (with arts. 3-13)
F34 S. 5(1A) inserted (1.10.2010) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170, Sch. 5 para. 6(3); S.I. 2010/807, art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with arts. 3-22)
F35 Words in s. 5(1A) inserted (29.4.2019) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 5(b); S.I. 2019/864, art. 2(3)(d), Sch. (with arts. 3-13)
F36 S. 5(1A)(f) and preceding word omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), ss. 93(2)(a)(i), 115(7); S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(q)
F37 S. 5(1B) inserted (29.4.2019) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 5(c); S.I. 2019/864, art. 2(3)(d), Sch. (with arts. 3-13)
F38 S. 5(2) repealed (29.4.2019) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 5(d); S.I. 2019/864, art. 2(3)(d), Sch. (with arts. 3-13)

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I5 S. 5 partly in force; s. 5 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 122; s. 5 in force for W. at 1.7.2001 by S.I. 2001/2190, art. 2, Sch. Table; s. 5 in force for E. for certain purposes at 1.4.2002 by S.I. 2001/3852, art. 3(2)(7)(c) (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 1 and with transitional provisions in Sch. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2001/4150, 2002/1493, 2002/1790, 2002/2001, 2002/3210)

F39 5A General duties of Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection

Textual Amendments

F39 S. 5A inserted (20.11.2003 for certain purposes and 1.4.2004 otherwise) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. {103}, 199; S.I. 2004/759, art. 3(1)
F40 S. 5A repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 166, 170, Sch. 5 para. 7, Sch. 15 Pt. 1; S.I. 2009/462, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 35, 36

F41 5B General duties of Commission for Social Care Inspection

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6 National Care Standards Commission.

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7 General duties of the Commission.

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8 General functions of the Assembly.

(1) The Assembly shall have the general duty of encouraging improvement in the quality of Part II services provided in Wales.

(2) The Assembly shall make information about Part II services provided in Wales available to the public.

[F45] (3) The Assembly shall have such additional functions in relation to Part II services provided in Wales as may be specified in regulations made by the Assembly.

[F46] (3A) But the functions which may be so specified do not include functions of making, confirming or approving subordinate legislation (as defined by section 158(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006).

(4) The Assembly may charge a reasonable fee determined by it in connection with the exercise of any power conferred on it by or under this Act.

(5) The Assembly may provide training for the purpose of assisting persons to attain standards set out in any statements published by it under section 23.

[F47] (6) The Assembly must have particular regard to the need to safeguard and promote the rights and welfare of children in the exercise of—

(a) its functions exercisable by virtue of [F48] section 5(1)(b) and subsections (1) to (3) of this section; and

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Textual Amendments

F41 S. 5B inserted (20.11.2003 for certain purposes and 1.4.2004 otherwise) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. [104], 199; S.I. 2004/759, art. 4(2)

F42 S. 5B repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 166, 170, Sch. 5 para. 7, Sch. 15 Pt. 1; S.I. 2009/462, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 35, 36

F43 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Textual Amendments

F43 S. 6 repealed (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 196, 199, Sch. 14 Pt. 2; S.I. 2004/759, art. 13

F44 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Textual Amendments

F44 S. 7 repealed (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 196, 199, Sch. 14 Pt. 2; S.I. 2004/759, art. 13

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(b) any other functions exercisable by the Assembly corresponding to functions exercisable by the Care Quality Commission—
   (i) under Chapters 2 and 3 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in relation to health care in England, or
   (ii) under the Mental Health Act 1983 in relation to England.]

[F51] In this section, “Part II services” means services of the kind provided by persons registered under Part II.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F45** S. 8(3)(A) substituted (1.4.2007) for s. 8(3) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 157, 188, Sch. 14 para. 40(2); S.I. 2007/935, art. 5

**F46** S. 8(3A) substituted (21.7.2008 for certain purposes and 1.4.2009 otherwise) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170(1)(b), Sch. 5 para. 8(2); S.I. 2009/462, art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 35

**F47** S. 8(6) inserted (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 109, 199; S.I. 2004/873, art. 2

**F48** Words in s. 8(6)(a) substituted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 6(a); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)

**F49** S. 8(6)(b) substituted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 157, 188, Sch. 14 para. 40(3); S.I. 2007/935, art. 5

**F50** S. 8(6)(b)(i)(ii) substituted (2.4.2018) by Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 2), s. 188(1), Sch. 3 para. 6(b); S.I. 2017/1326, art. 2(3)(h), Sch. (with art. 6)

**F51** S. 8(7) (originally numbered s. 8(6)) inserted (20.11.2003 for certain purposes and 1.4.2004 otherwise) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 147, 199, Sch. 9 para. 18(3); S.I. 2004/759, art. 5(2)

**F52** S. 8(6) (as second appearing) renumbered as s. 8(7) (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 157, 188, Sch. 14 para. 40(4); S.I. 2007/935, art. 5

**F53** Words in s. 8(7) repealed (21.7.2008 for certain purposes and 1.4.2009 otherwise) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 170(1)(b), Sch. 5 para. 8(4); S.I. 2009/462, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 35, 36

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I6 S. 8 partly in force; s. 8 not in force for W. for certain purposes at 1.7.2001 by S.I. 2001/2190, art. 2, Sch. Table; s. 8 in force for W. for certain purposes at 1.4.2002 by S.I. 2002/920, arts. 1(4), 3(3) (subject to art. 3(4)(5) and to transitional provisions in Schs. 1-3); s. 8 in force for W. for certain purposes at 30.1.2003 by S.I. 2003/152, art. 2; s. 8 in force for W. for certain purposes at 2.10.2003 by S.I. 2003/2528, art. 2; s. 8 in force for W. for certain purposes at 1.4.2004 by S.I. 2004/1015, art. 2; s. 8 in force for W. for certain purposes at 7.4.2004 by S.I. 2004/1730, art. 2

9 Co-operative working.

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**Textual Amendments**

F54 S. 9 repealed (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 196, 199, Sch. 14 Pt. 2; S.I. 2004/759, art. 13
10 Inquiries.

(1) The appropriate Minister may cause an inquiry to be held into any matter connected with a service provided in or by an establishment or agency.

(2) Before an inquiry is begun, the person causing the inquiry to be held may direct that it shall be held in private.

(3) Where no direction has been given, the person holding the inquiry may if he thinks fit hold it, or any part of it, in private.

(4) Subsections (2) to (5) of section 250 of the Local Government Act 1972 (powers in relation to local inquiries) shall apply in relation to an inquiry under this section as they apply in relation to a local inquiry under that section; and references in those provisions as so applied to a Minister shall be taken to include references to the Assembly.

(6) The report of the person who held the inquiry shall, unless the Minister who caused the inquiry to be held considers that there are exceptional circumstances which make it inappropriate to publish it, be published in a manner which that Minister considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

F55 S. 10(1) repealed (20.11.2003 for certain purposes and 1.4.2004 otherwise) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 147, 196, 199, Sch. 9 para. 19(b), Sch. 14 Pt. 2; S.I. 2004/759, arts. 5(2), 13

F56 S. 10(6) repealed (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14), ss. 95, 166, 170, Sch. 5 para. 9, Sch. 15 Pt. 1; S.I. 2009/462, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 35, 36

Commencement Information

17 S. 10 partly in force; s. 10 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 122; s. 10(1)-(5)(7) in force for E. at 1.4.2002 by S.I. 2001/3852, art. 3(2)(7)(e) (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 1 and with transitional provisions in Sch. 2) (as amended by S.I. 2001/4150, 2002/1493, 2002/1790, 2002/2001, 2002/3210); s. 10(2)-(7) in force for W. for certain purposes at 1.4.2002 by S.I. 2002/920, arts. 1(4), 3(3) (subject to art. 3(4)(5) and to transitional provisions in Schs. 1-3); s. 10(2)-(7) in force for W. for certain purposes at 30.1.2003 by S.I. 2003/152, art. 2; s. 10(2)-(7) in force for W. for certain purposes at 1.4.2004 by S.I. 2004/1015, art. 2; s. 10(2)-(7) in force for W. for certain purposes at 7.4.2004 by S.I. 2004/1730, art. 2

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