



Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 13

The Independent Reporting Commission

PROSPECTIVE

4 Interpretation and supplementary provision

(1) In this Act—

“agreement relating to paramilitary activity” means an agreement made between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland in pursuance of paragraph 5.1 of Section A of the Fresh Start Agreement;

“the Commission” has the meaning given in section 1(1);

“enactment” includes—

- (a) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, Northern Ireland legislation;
- (b) an enactment contained in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978);

“Fresh Start Agreement” means A Fresh Start: the Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan, dated 17 November 2015.

(2) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, make such provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate for giving full effect to the agreement relating to paramilitary activity.

(3) Regulations under subsection (2) may in particular—

- (a) amend, repeal or revoke an enactment;
- (b) confer functions on the Secretary of State or any other person.

Status:

This version of this provision is prospective.

Changes to legislation:

Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 June 2023. 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.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 4 coming into force by [S.I. 2016/1258 reg. 2\(d\)](#) (This provision comes into force on the day on which the agreement relating to paramilitary activity enters into force. See the definition of “agreement relating to paramilitary activity” in s. 4(1) of the Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016 (c. 13). A copy of the agreement is, and the date on which the agreement enters into force will be, published on the relevant page of UK Treaties Online which can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-treaties>.)