

European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 16

General and final provision

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(1) In this Act, the expressions listed in the left-hand column have the meaning given by, or are to be interpreted in accordance with, the provisions listed in the right-hand column.

Expression	Provision
$\[\[\]^{F1}$ Anything which continues to be domestic law by virtue of section $1B(2)$	Section 20(5A)]
Anything which continues to be domestic law by virtue of section 2	Section 20(6)
Anything which is retained EU law by virtue of section 4	Section 20(7)
Article (in relation to the Treaty on European Union or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union)	Section 20(10)
Charter of Fundamental Rights	Section 20(1)
[F2Commons sitting day	Section 20(1)]
Devolved authority	Section 20(1)
Direct EU legislation	Section 3(2)
Domestic law	Section 20(1)
The EEA	Section 20(1)
EEA agreement	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
[F3EEA EFTA separation agreement	Section 7B(6)]
Enactment	Section 20(1)

Section 20(1)

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The EU Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 EU decision Section 20(1) [F4EU-derived domestic legislation Section 1B(7) EU directive Section 20(1) EU entity Section 20(1) EU institution Schedule 1 the to Interpretation Act 1978 EU instrument Schedule 1 to Interpretation Act 1978 **Euratom Treaty** Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 EU reference Section 20(1) EU regulation Section 20(1) [F5 European Communities Act 1972 Section 1A(7)(a)European Court Schedule 1 the Interpretation Act 1978 EU tertiary legislation Section 20(1) **EU Treaties** Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 Exempt EU instrument Section 20(1) Exit day (and related expressions) Section 20(1) to (5) Former Article 34(2)(c) of Treaty on European Union Section 20(9) [F6Future relationship agreement Section 20(1)] [F7Implementation period Section 1A(6) IP completion day (and related expressions) Section 1A(6) Joint Committee Section 20(1) Lords sitting day Section 20(1)] Member State Section 20(1) and Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 Minister of the Crown Section 20(1) Modify (and related expressions) Section 20(1) Northern Ireland devolved authority Section 20(1) Operative (in relation to direct EU legislation) Section 3(3) [F8Part (of withdrawal agreement or EEA EFTA Section 1A(7)(b)] separation agreement)

Primary legislation

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Public authority	Section 20(1)
Public authority in the United Kingdom (however expressed)	Section 20(8)
[F9Qualifying Northern Ireland goods	Section 8C(6)
Ratify	Section 20(1)]
Relevant criminal offence	Section 20(1) (and paragraph 44 of Schedule 8)
[F10]Relevant separation agreement law	Section 7C(3)]
Retained case law	Section 6(7)
Retained direct EU legislation	Section 20(1)
Retained direct minor EU legislation	Section 7(6)
Retained direct principal EU legislation	Section 7(6)
Retained domestic case law	Section 6(7)
Retained EU case law	Section 6(7)
Retained EU law	Section 6(7)
Retained general principles of EU law	Section 6(7)
Retrospective provision	Section 20(1)
Subordinate legislation	Section 20(1)
[F11Swiss citizens' rights agreement	Section 7B(6)]
Tribunal	Section 20(1)
Wales	Section 20(1)
Welsh zone	Section 20(1)
Withdrawal agreement	[F12Section 1A(6)]

(2) See paragraph 22 of Schedule 8 for amendments made by this Act to Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), Sch. 5 para. 45(a) (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F2 Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), Sch. 5 para. 45(b) (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- **F3** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(c)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- **F4** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(d)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F5 Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), Sch. 5 para. 45(e) (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- **F6** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 (c. 29), s. 40(7), **Sch. 6 para. 7**; S.I. 2020/1662, reg. 2(ff)

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- **F8** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), Sch. 5 para. 45(g) (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- **F9** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(h)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- **F10** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), Sch. 5 para. 45(i) (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- **F11** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), Sch. 5 para. 45(j) (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- **F12** Words in s. 21(1) substituted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(k)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)

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