



# European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

## 2018 CHAPTER 16

*[<sup>F1</sup>Further aspects of withdrawal]*

### **[<sup>F1</sup>7C Interpretation of relevant separation agreement law**

- (1) Any question as to the validity, meaning or effect of any relevant separation agreement law is to be decided, so far as they are applicable—
  - (a) in accordance with the withdrawal agreement, the EEA EFTA separation agreement and the Swiss citizens' rights agreement, and
  - (b) having regard (among other things) to the desirability of ensuring that, where one of those agreements makes provision which corresponds to provision made by another of those agreements, the effect of relevant separation agreement law in relation to the matters dealt with by the corresponding provision in each agreement is consistent.
- (2) See (among other things)—
  - (a) Article 4 of the withdrawal agreement (methods and principles relating to the effect, the implementation and the application of the agreement),
  - (b) Articles 158 and 160 of the withdrawal agreement (jurisdiction of the European Court in relation to Part 2 and certain provisions of Part 5 of the agreement),
  - (c) Articles 12 and 13 of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in the withdrawal agreement (implementation, application, supervision and enforcement of the Protocol and common provisions),
  - (d) Article 4 of the EEA EFTA separation agreement (methods and principles relating to the effect, the implementation and the application of the agreement), and
  - (e) Article 4 of the Swiss citizens' rights agreement (methods and principles relating to the effect, the implementation and the application of the agreement).
- (3) In this Act “relevant separation agreement law” means—
  - (a) any of the following provisions or anything which is domestic law by virtue of any of them—

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- (i) section 7A, 7B, 8B or 8C or Part 1B or 1C of Schedule 2 or this section, or
  - (ii) Part 3, or section 20, of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (citizens' rights and financial provision), or
- (b) anything not falling within paragraph (a) so far as it is domestic law for the purposes of, or otherwise within the scope of—
- (i) the withdrawal agreement (other than Part 4 of that agreement),
  - (ii) the EEA EFTA separation agreement, or
  - (iii) the Swiss citizens' rights agreement,
- as that body of law is added to or otherwise modified by or under this Act or by other domestic law from time to time.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 7C inserted (31.1.2020) by [European Union \(Withdrawal Agreement\) Act 2020 \(c. 1\)](#), **ss. 26(2)**, **42(7)** (with [s. 38\(3\)](#), [Sch. 5 para. 66](#)); [S.I. 2020/75](#), [reg. 4\(j\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 6(4)-(5ZA) word substituted by [2023 c. 28 Sch. 2 para. 8\(3\)\(c\)](#) (The inserted text to be amended is still prospective so this amendment is not applied yet.)
- s. 6(5ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 28 s. 6\(4\)](#)
- s. 6(6B) inserted by [2023 c. 28 s. 6\(6\)](#)
- s. 6A-6C inserted by [2023 c. 28 s. 6\(8\)](#)
- s. 6A word substituted by [2023 c. 28 Sch. 2 para. 8\(4\)](#) (The inserted text to be amended is still prospective so this amendment is not applied yet.)
- s. 6B word substituted by [2023 c. 28 Sch. 2 para. 8\(5\)](#) (The inserted text to be amended is still prospective so this amendment is not applied yet.)
- s. 6C word substituted by [2023 c. 28 Sch. 2 para. 8\(6\)](#) (The inserted text to be amended is still prospective so this amendment is not applied yet.)