
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Extension of Time Limits for Legal Proceedings) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

PART 2

Amendment of primary legislation

Amendment of the Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

5.—(1) The Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1989⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (5) of article 51B (extension of time limits: non-binding ADR procedure)—

(a) omit the definition of “ADR Directive”;

(b) for the definition of “ADR entity” substitute—

““ADR entity” means a person whose name appears on a list maintained in accordance with regulation 10 of the Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Competent Authorities and Information) Regulations 2015 ([S.I. 2015/542](#));”;

(c) for the definition of “ADR procedure” substitute—

““ADR procedure” means a procedure for the out-of-court resolution of disputes through the intervention of an ADR entity which proposes or imposes a solution or brings the parties together with the aim of facilitating an amicable solution;”;

(d) after the definition of “ADR procedure” insert—

““consumer” means an individual acting for purposes which are wholly or mainly outside that individual’s trade, business, craft or profession;”;

(e) for the definition of “relevant dispute” substitute—

““relevant dispute” means a dispute that—

(a) concerns obligations under a sales contract or a service contract, and

(b) is between a trader established in the United Kingdom or the European Union and a consumer resident in the United Kingdom,

which the parties attempt to settle by recourse to a non-binding ADR procedure;”;

(f) after the definition of “relevant dispute” insert—

““sales contract” means a contract under which a trader transfers, or agrees to transfer, the ownership of goods to a consumer and the consumer pays, or agrees to pay, the price, including any contract that has both goods and services as its object;

⁽¹⁾ [S.I. 1989/1339 \(N.I. 11\)](#). Article 51B was inserted by [S.I. 2015/1392](#).

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“service contract” means a contract, other than a sales contract, under which a trader supplies, or agrees to supply, a service to a consumer and the consumer pays, or agrees to pay, the price;

“trader” means a person acting for purposes relating to that person’s trade, business, craft or profession, whether acting personally or through another person acting in the trader’s name or on the trader’s behalf.”.