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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### MODIFICATION OF ACT FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS

##### *Section 14: quality or fitness (i)*

5 In relation to a contract made on or after 18 May 1973 and before the appointed day, substitute the following for section 14:—

**“14 Implied terms about quality or fitness.**

- (1) Except as provided by this section and section 15 below and subject to any other enactment, there is no implied condition or warranty about the quality or fitness for any particular purpose of goods supplied under a contract of sale.
- (2) Where the seller sells goods in the course of a business, there is an implied condition that the goods supplied under the contract are of merchantable quality, except that there is no such condition—
  - (a) as regards defects specifically drawn to the buyer’s attention before the contract is made; or
  - (b) if the buyer examines the goods before the contract is made, as regards defects which that examination ought to reveal.
- (3) Where the seller sells goods in the course of a business and the buyer, expressly or by implication, makes known to the seller any particular purpose for which the goods are being bought, there is an implied condition that the goods supplied under the contract are reasonably fit for that purpose, whether or not that is a purpose for which such goods are commonly supplied, except where the circumstances show that the buyer does not rely, or that it is unreasonable for him to rely, on the seller’s skill or judgment.
- (4) An implied condition or warranty about quality or fitness for a particular purpose may be annexed to a contract of sale by usage.
- (5) The preceding provisions of this section apply to a sale by a person who in the course of a business is acting as agent for another as they apply to a sale by a principal in the course of a business, except where that other is not selling in the course of a business and either the buyer knows that fact or reasonable steps are taken to bring it to the notice of the buyer before the contract is made.
- (6) Goods of any kind are of merchantable quality within the meaning of subsection (2) above if they are as fit for the purpose or purposes for which goods of that kind are commonly bought as it is reasonable to expect having regard to any description applied to them, the price (if relevant) and all the other relevant circumstances.

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- (7) In the application of subsection (3) above to an agreement for the sale of goods under which the purchase price or part of it is payable by instalments any reference to the seller includes a reference to the person by whom any antecedent negotiations are conducted; and section 58(3) and (5) of the <sup>M1</sup>Hire-Purchase Act 1965, section 54(3) and (5) of the <sup>M2</sup>Hire-Purchase (Scotland) Act 1965 and section 65(3) and (5) of the <sup>M3</sup>Hire-Purchase Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (meaning of antecedent negotiations and related expressions) apply in relation to this subsection as in relation to each of those Acts, but as if a reference to any such agreement were included in the references in subsection (3) of each of those sections to the agreements there mentioned.”

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1965 c. 66.

**M2** 1965 c. 67.

**M3** 1966 c. 42 (N.I.).

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