



# Consumer Protection Act 1987

## CHAPTER 43

### CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1987

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — Limitation of Actions under Part I

##### Part I — ENGLAND AND WALES

- 1 After section 11 of the Limitation Act 1980 (actions in...
- 2 In section 12(1) of the said Act of 1980 (actions...
- 3 In section 14 of the said Act of 1980 (definition...

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- 4 In section 28 of the said Act of 1980 (extension...
- 5 In section 32 of the said Act of 1980 (postponement...
- 6 In section 33 of the said Act of 1980 (discretionary...  
Part II — SCOTLAND
- 7 The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973 shall be amended...
- 8 In section 7(2), after the words “not being an obligation”...
- 9 In Part II, before section 17, there shall be inserted...
- 10 After section 22, there shall be inserted the following new...
- 11 Section 23 shall cease to have effect, but for the...
- 12 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1, after sub-paragraph (gg) there...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Prohibition Notices and Notices to Warn

##### Part I — PROHIBITION NOTICES

- 1 A prohibition notice in respect of any goods shall—
- 2 (1) If representations in writing about a prohibition notice are...
- 3 (1) Where representations in writing about a prohibition notice are...
- 4 (1) Where a person is appointed to consider representations about...
- 5 (1) The Secretary of State may revoke or vary a...

##### Part II — NOTICES TO WARN

- 6 (1) If the Secretary of State proposes to serve a...
- 7 (1) Where a person on whom a notification containing a...
- 8 (1) Where a person is appointed to consider representations about...
- 9 The Secretary of State may revoke a notice to warn...

##### Part III — GENERAL

- 10 (1) Where in a notification served on any person under...
- 11 In this Schedule— “the appointed person” in relation to a...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Amendments of Part I of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

- 1 (1) Section 6 (general duties of manufacturers etc. as regard...
- 2 In section 22 (prohibition notices)— (a) in subsections (1) and...
- 3 After section 25 there shall be inserted the following section—...
- 4 After section 27 (power to obtain information) there shall be...
- 5 In section 28 (restrictions on disclosure of information), in subsection...
- 6 In section 33(1)(h) (offence of obstructing an inspector), after the...
- 7 In section 53(1) (general interpretation of Part I)—

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

##### *The Explosives Act 1875*

- 1 In sections 31 and 80 of the Explosives Act 1875...

##### *The Trade Descriptions Act 1968*

- 2 (1) In section 2 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968...

##### *The Fair Trading Act 1973*

- 3 In section 130(1) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 (notice...

##### *The Consumer Credit Act 1974*

- 4 In section 174(3)(a) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (exceptions...

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*The Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977*

5 In section 1 of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Act...

*The Estate Agents Act 1979*

6 In section 10(3)(a) of the Estate Agents Act 1979 (exceptions...

*The Competition Act 1980*

7 In section 19(3) of the Competition Act 1980 (enactments specified...

*The Employment Act 1982*

8 .....

*The Telecommunications Act 1984*

9 (1) In . . . 85(5)(b) of the Telecommunications Act...

*The Airports Act 1986*

10 In section 74(3) of the Airports Act 1986 (enactments specified...

*The Gas Act 1986*

11 In section 42 of the Gas Act 1986—

*The Insolvency Act 1986*

12 In section 281(5)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (discharge from...

*The Motor Cycle Noise Act 1987*

13 For paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Schedule to the...

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Pt. 2 applied by S.I. 2002/618, reg. 197(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/791 reg. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 11 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1478, regs. 1(3), Sch. 2 para. 55)
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- s. 10(7)(c) words repealed by [2000 c. 27 Sch. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 10 already omitted (1.10.2005) by virtue of S.I. 2005/1803, reg. 46(2) (with regs. 42, 43))
- s. 11(7)(c) words repealed by [2000 c. 27 Sch. 8](#)
- s. 29(8) omitted by [2024 c. 9 Sch. para. 3](#)
- s. 29(9) omitted by [2024 c. 9 Sch. para. 3](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 1 repealed by [2003 c. 22 Sch.](#)