



Defence Reform Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 20

PART 1

DEFENCE PROCUREMENT

General

PROSPECTIVE

12 Interpretation of this Part

(1) In this Part—

“company” means a company as defined in section 1(1) of the Companies Act 2006;

“contractor” has the meaning given by section 1(8);

“DE&S” has the meaning given by section 1(8);

“defence procurement” has the meaning given by section 1(8);

“defence procurement services” has the meaning given by section 1(8);

“defence purposes” has the meaning given by section 1(8);

“the departmental defence procurement undertaking” has the meaning given by section 1(8);

“formed”, in relation to a company, includes the alteration of the company's articles so as to add, remove or alter a statement of the company's objects;

“Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975;

“property” includes interests of any description;

“publicly owned company” means a company which is—

- (a) a company limited by shares in which no one other than a relevant person holds any of the shares, or

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(b) a company limited by guarantee of which no one other than a relevant person is a member;

the “TUPE regulations” means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/246);

“the vesting date” means a day appointed by the Secretary of State by order made by statutory instrument.

(2) In the definition of “publicly owned company” in subsection (1), “relevant person” means—

- (a) a Minister of the Crown,
- (b) a publicly owned company, or
- (c) a nominee of a person falling within paragraph (a) or (b).

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