



European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 16

General and final provision

21 Index of defined expressions

- (1) In this Act, the expressions listed in the left-hand column have the meaning given by, or are to be interpreted in accordance with, the provisions listed in the right-hand column.

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision</i>
[^{F1} Anything which continues to be domestic law by virtue of section 1B(2)]	Section 20(5A)]
Anything which continues to be domestic law by virtue of section 2	Section 20(6)
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Article (in relation to the Treaty on European Union or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union)	Section 20(10)
[^{F3} Assimilated case law	Section 6(7)
Assimilated direct legislation	Section 20(1)
Assimilated direct minor legislation	Section 20(1)
Assimilated direct principal legislation	Section 20(1)
Assimilated domestic case law	Section 6(7)
Assimilated EU case law	Section 6(7)
Assimilated law	Section 6(7)]
Charter of Fundamental Rights	Section 20(1)
[^{F4} Commons sitting day	Section 20(1)]

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Devolved authority	Section 20(1)
Direct EU legislation	Section 3(2)
Domestic law	Section 20(1)
The EEA	Section 20(1)
EEA agreement	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
[^{F5} EEA EFTA separation agreement	Section 7B(6)]
Enactment	Section 20(1)
The EU	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
EU decision	Section 20(1)
[^{F6} EU-derived domestic legislation	Section 1B(7)]
EU directive	Section 20(1)
EU entity	Section 20(1)
EU institution	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
EU instrument	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
Euratom Treaty	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
EU reference	Section 20(1)
EU regulation	Section 20(1)
[^{F7} European Communities Act 1972	Section 1A(7)(a)]
European Court	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
EU tertiary legislation	Section 20(1)
EU Treaties	Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
Exempt EU instrument	Section 20(1)
Exit day (and related expressions)	Section 20(1) to (5)
Former Article 34(2)(c) of Treaty on European Union	Section 20(9)
[^{F8} Future relationship agreement	Section 20(1)]
[^{F9} Implementation period	Section 1A(6)
IP completion day (and related expressions)	Section 1A(6)
Joint Committee	Section 20(1)
Lords sitting day	Section 20(1)]

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Member State	Section 20(1) and Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978
Minister of the Crown	Section 20(1)
Modify (and related expressions)	Section 20(1)
Northern Ireland devolved authority	Section 20(1)
Operative (in relation to direct EU legislation)	Section 3(3)
[^{F10} Part (of withdrawal agreement or EEA EFTA separation agreement)]	Section 1A(7)(b)]
Primary legislation	Section 20(1)
Public authority	Section 20(1)
Public authority in the United Kingdom (however expressed)	Section 20(8)
[^{F11} Qualifying Northern Ireland goods]	Section 8C(6)
Ratify	Section 20(1)]
Relevant criminal offence	Section 20(1) (and paragraph 44 of Schedule 8)
[^{F12} Relevant separation agreement law]	Section 7C(3)]
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Retrospective provision	Section 20(1)
Subordinate legislation	Section 20(1)
[^{F15} Swiss citizens' rights agreement]	Section 7B(6)]
Tribunal	Section 20(1)
Wales	Section 20(1)

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Welsh zone	Section 20(1)
Withdrawal agreement	[^{F16} Section 1A(6)]

(2) See paragraph 22 of Schedule 8 for amendments made by this Act to Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(a)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F2** Words in s. 21(1) Table omitted (1.1.2024) by virtue of The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1424), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 89(5)**
- F3** Words in s. 21(1) Table inserted (1.1.2024) by Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 8(10)(a)** (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
- F4** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(b)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F5** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(c)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F6** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(d)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F7** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(e)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F8** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 (c. 29), s. 40(7), **Sch. 6 para. 7**; S.I. 2020/1662, reg. 2(ff)
- F9** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(f)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F10** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(g)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F11** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(h)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F12** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(i)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F13** Words in s. 21(1) Table omitted (1.1.2024) by virtue of Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), s. 22(3), **Sch. 2 para. 8(10)(b)** (with s. 22(6)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(e)
- F14** Words in s. 21(1) Table omitted (1.1.2024) by virtue of Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (c. 28), **ss. 4(5), 22(3)** (with s. 22(5)); S.I. 2023/1363, reg. 3(b)
- F15** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(j)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)
- F16** Words in s. 21(1) substituted (31.1.2020) by European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1), s. 42(7), **Sch. 5 para. 45(k)** (with s. 38(3), Sch. 5 para. 66); S.I. 2020/75, reg. 4(n)(xviii)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 21(1) Table words inserted by [2023 c. 28 s. 6\(9\)](#)

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.)