

## Legislation

**This source is offered for reference purposes following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and the repeal of the European Communities Act 1972 (ECA 1972).**

The repeal of ECA 1972 took effect subject to certain savings and transitional provisions required to give effect to the post-Brexit implementation period. This source contains relevant EU instruments published up to the end of the implementation period (IP completion day).

This source contains legislation content originally derived from the EU which may be of continued relevance in UK domestic law in accordance with the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EU(W)A 2018), as amended.

EU(W)A 2018 made provision for the publication of relevant EU instruments which may or may not be retained in domestic law following IP completion day. This source is consistent with that approach and should not be treated as an authorised or exhaustive source of retained direct EU legislation.

EU(W)A 2018, and associated primary and secondary legislation, contains provisions which determine and modify the domestic scope and application of retained EU law. This source should be read in this context, alongside EU(W)A 2018 and associated legislation.

Where applicable, the legislation content in the source is consolidated and maintained to reflect UK-specific modifications (including repeals, revocations and amendments). However, it should not be

Amendments made by new legislation are incorporated into the text of existing legislation. The NOTES segment at the end of each page indicates the changes that have been made to the text.

A Stop Press icon on an enactment indicates that recently published amendments are pending, and provides a link to the amending enactment. The icon is removed once amendments are fully consolidated.

Within the "Highlights" view:

**Green highlighting** indicates text that has been inserted or substituted.

**Red, square-bracketed** and struck-through ellipses [...] indicate repealed text.

**Yellow highlighting** denotes partially in force text, while **orange highlighting and italic text** indicate partially in force, repealed text.

Within the "Hidden" view:

This view shows a fully consolidated version of the provision, with no highlighting or notation, with the exception of **partially in force** and **partially in force, repealed** text, which are shown.

Within the "Text" view:

**An ellipsis ( . . . )** indicates that text has been repealed or that in certain enactments before 1998 the text was solely amending (the amendments will be detailed in the Notes segment).

**Square brackets** denote text that has been inserted or substituted.

**Italicised text** is prospectively repealed, substituted or disapplied. These rules apply whether the amendment/repeal is of a whole provision or of text within a provision. Text is also italicised for legislation which has been repealed, substituted or disapplied in part and/or is still partly in force.

When text is **repealed, revoked or disapplied**:

- whilst the repeal is prospective (ie not yet in force), the repealed text is italicised
- whilst the repeal is partly in force, the repealed text is italicised
- once the repeal has come into force, the repealed text is replaced with an ellipsis

When new text is **inserted**:

- whilst the insertion is prospective, the inserted text appears in square brackets and is underlined
- once the insertion is in force, the inserted text appears in square brackets (without underlining)

When existing text is **substituted**:

- whilst the substitution is prospective, the existing text will appear in italics followed by the new (replacing) text in square brackets and underlined
- whilst the substitution is partly in force, the existing text will appear in italics followed by the new (replacing) text in square brackets
- once the substitution is in force, the existing text will disappear altogether and the new (replacing) text will appear in square brackets (without underlining).