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1. THE SERVICE

Legislation Direct contains the full, amended text of UK Statutes, UK Statutory Instruments, Scottish Statutes, Scottish Statutory Instruments and Church of England Measures (circa 18,000 enactments). The text is supported by annotations setting out details of amendment, commencement and derivation. Hypertext links within the text and notes enable you to click on a cross-reference (to another enactment or provision) and be taken to that reference.

The full text is supplemented by **Stop Press**, which supplies updating material and ensures that the information available is constantly up-to-date to within four to five working days.

A **Historical Versions** e-mail service is available whereby you may request to see the law at any date since the beginning of 1998.

1.1 CONTENTS OF SERVICE

- **UK Statutes** – the full, amended text of all public general Acts of Parliament in force in England and Wales. The UK Statutes are arranged in alphabetical order.
- **UK Statutory Instruments** – the full, amended text of all Statutory Instruments of general application in force in England and Wales. The UK Statutory Instruments are arranged in chronological order, with the most recent appearing first.
- **Scottish Statutes** – the full, amended text of all public general Acts of the Scottish Parliament in force in Scotland. The Scottish Statutes are arranged in alphabetical order.
- **Scottish Statutory Instruments** – the full, amended text of all Statutory Instruments in force in the new series of Scottish Statutory Instruments. The Scottish Statutory Instruments are arranged in chronological order, with the most recent appearing first.
- **Church of England Measures** – the full, amended text of all Church of England Measures which are in force. The Measures are arranged in alphabetical order.
- **Is It In Force?** – information needed to establish the exact commencement dates of Acts of general application in England, Wales and Scotland, and of General Synod Measures, passed in the last 25 years.
- **Bill Tracker** – tracks the progress of all public Bills before Westminster in the current session and is updated daily when Parliament is sitting.
- **Stop Press** – addresses two issues. Firstly, it lists the new enactments received which have not yet been published in full on the service. Secondly, it identifies enactments on Legislation Direct which have been affected (by way of amendment or commencement) by new enactments.
- **Historical Versions** – for the law at any date since the beginning of 1998, the **Historical Versions E-mail Service** offers the opportunity to request the enactment or provision(s) in which you are interested.
- **Contact Us** – e-mail us your comments or any questions about the service.

2. OPENING LEGISLATION DIRECT

To access the Legislation Direct opening screen, select Legislation Direct from the Butterworths Direct home page (single click) and enter your user name and password into the 'log on' screen. The following page will appear.

The screenshot shows the Butterworths LexisNexis direct Legislation Direct opening screen. The page has a blue header with the Butterworths logo and the text "LexisNexis direct" and "Legislation direct". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for "UK statutes", "UK SIs", "scottish statutes", "scottish SIs", "measures", "is it in force?", "bill tracker", "contact us", "sitemap", and "user guides". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a grid of buttons for "about", "search options", "uk statutes", "si's", "scottish statutes", "scottish si's", "c of e measures", "is it in force?", "bill tracker", "stop press", "historical versions", and "image req. est.". Below this grid, there is a small image of a document with a red ribbon and a link to "© Reed Elsevier (UK) Limited 2001". The right column contains a "Navigator" section with search criteria: "Full or Partial Title", "Year", "Issue Number", and "Provision". There is a checkbox for "Tick to search for a schedule" and a dropdown menu for "Type of Enactment" set to "UK Statute". Below this, there are fields for "Enacted Between" and "Date Locales(s) have been found, search for the following text". At the bottom of the right column, there are "Go" and "Cancel" buttons.

3. UNIQUE FEATURES

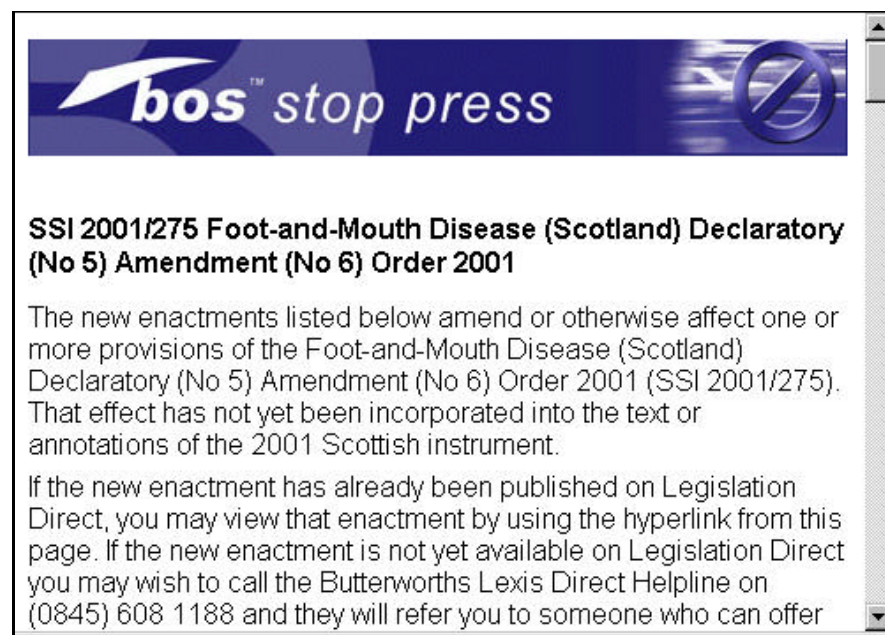
3.1 STOP PRESS

The Stop Press information can be accessed either from the Legislation Direct home page or from within the full text database. The text within the Stop Press box can be printed out.

If accessed from the Legislation Direct home page, the Stop Press consists of two modules:

- New Enactments — which consists of a list of enactments received by our editors but which, due to time constraints, have not yet been included in full text in Legislation Direct. Entries are removed from the list as soon as the enactment is available in full text.
- Recent Changes — this details enactments which have been affected (by way of amendment or commencement) by recent legislation, where there has not yet been time to incorporate the effect of the new enactment into the text or annotations of the older enactment within the full text database.

If accessed from within the full text database, the Stop Press contains information as to any outstanding amendments or commencements which relate to the full text enactment being viewed.



The screenshot shows a window titled "bos stop press" with a blue header and a "no" symbol. The main text reads: "SSI 2001/275 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Scotland) Declaratory (No 5) Amendment (No 6) Order 2001". Below this, it states: "The new enactments listed below amend or otherwise affect one or more provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Scotland) Declaratory (No 5) Amendment (No 6) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/275). That effect has not yet been incorporated into the text or annotations of the 2001 Scottish instrument." It then provides instructions on how to view the enactment on Legislation Direct or contact the Butterworths Lexis Direct Helpline on (0845) 608 1188.

If there are no outstanding amendments or commencements then a message to that effect is given.



There is no *Stop Press* information for the current location

The Stop Press can be accessed from within the full text database in one of two ways

- from the Stop Press button located on the toolbar
- from Stop Press which appears next to the 'previous item' at the top of the text view screen.



This icon only appears if there is Stop Press information relating to the enactment in question.

3.2 NAVIGATOR

For direct access to a specific enactment, use **Navigator** and enter full or partial details, such as the title, year and series number, of that enactment.

Drag the cursor over 'search' and highlight and left click with the mouse button on 'navigator' to activate the Navigator search screen.



Choose to search through one of the five modules (ie UK Statutes, UK Statutory Instruments etc) by clicking on the appropriate radio button.

Enter details into one or a combination of the following boxes:

Full or partial title – one word can be used i.e. **taxes**, or a phrase i.e. **pension schemes**

Year – enter the year that the enactment was made

Series Number – enter the chapter number of the Statute, the series number of the Statutory Instrument or the number of the Measure

Provision – if you want to see a particular provision type in the number of the provision you wish to view

Tick to search for a Schedule – if a specific Schedule is required, check the box and enter the Schedule number in the **Provision** section

Enacted between – if you are unsure of the exact details of the enactment, but know roughly when it was enacted, use the drop down boxes to specify a range of dates to search through

Once location(s) have been found search for this text – enter a key word(s) to be taken directly to the required text in the location required. This searches for words next to each other only

If the information entered in the Navigator window is sufficiently specific to identify a single enactment, it will go directly to that enactment (or provision thereof). If the details are not sufficiently specific, a list of possible matches to choose from will be displayed.

If the search identifies more than one enactment as meeting the search criteria, the results will be listed in a Search Results page each hit will provide a link directly to the appropriate location.

There is also a Navigator on the front page which works similarly, but with an HTML design.

Navigator

Full or Partial Title	<input type="text"/>
Year	<input type="text"/>
Series Number	<input type="text"/>
Provision	<input type="text"/>
Tick to search for a schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>
Type of Enactment	<input type="text" value="UK Statute"/>
Enacted Between	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> And <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Once location(s) have been found, search for the following text:	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="button" value="Go"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

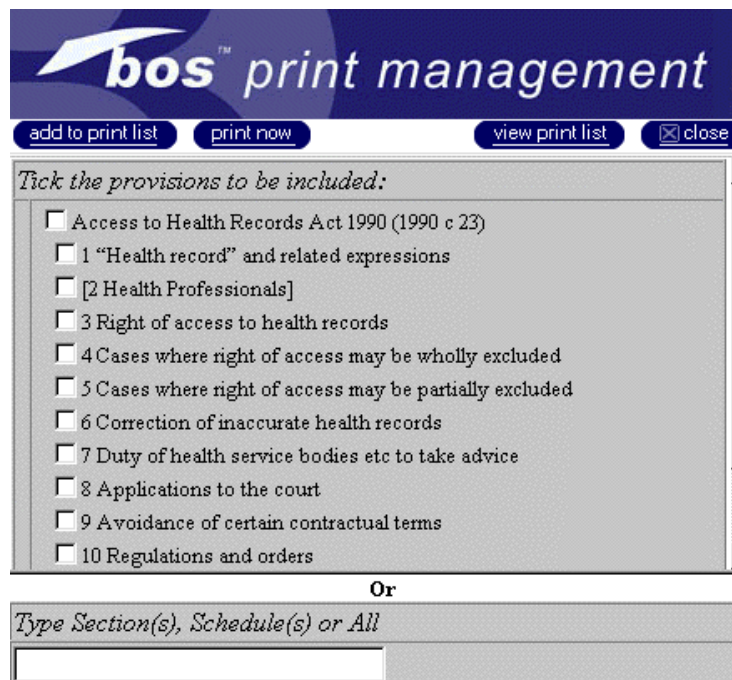
3.3 PRINT MANAGER

Whole enactments, or specific sections of, can be selected and collated for immediate or later printing.

Click on 'print manager' at the top of the text frame, next to the 'next item' icon.



The Print Management window will list all the relevant printable sections and schedules from your current location.



Selecting:

The whole enactment – check the box at the top of the list to the left of the full title

Sections of the enactment – check the box to the left of each required section

Manually selecting larger quantities of information – In the Type section(s), etc box a hyphen can be used to indicate a range of sections eg. 6–24 or Schedules can be selected by entering

Sch 1. Type All and the whole enactment will be selected. (More details on specific conventions for entering details can be found in the about pages on the service itself)

- Once the required sections have been chosen click Add to print list; the print management window will show the selected enactment and/or provisions
- Click remove to remove everything selected from that particular enactment
- Click edit to select or deselect specific sections or schedules
- Click clear print list to remove all entries
- Click close to return and continue using Legislation Direct
- To view your current print list, click on the print management button, then click view print list.
- Click print now to print the selected text. Note that a new browser window will be opened. Click on the printer icon in the browser bar or use the file/print option

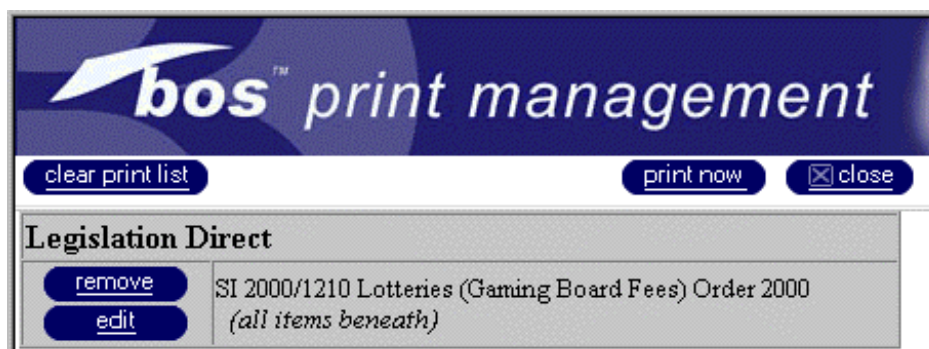
Note that the title and the commencement of the enactment will be printed at the top of each entry.

Once selection has been made add this to the print list, or if desired print the selection immediately by clicking on the 'print now' icon.

ADD TO PRINT LIST

Once a selection has been made, it is possible to print out immediately, by clicking on the 'print now' icon or if the section required to be printed can be added to the print list to print at a later stage (during the visit to the site).

Ensure that the tick box has been activated against the required sections to add to the print list and then click on the 'add to print list' icon at the top of the print manager dialogue box.



VIEW PRINT LIST

It is possible to view the print list by clicking on the 'view print list' at the top of the print manager dialogue box, or if this box is not open click on the 'print list' in the tools menu.

3.4 IMAGE REQUEST

At present there are no graphical images available on Legislation Direct. Where there should be a diagram, complex form or table, there is a note saying 'This diagram/form/table is currently unavailable. Please see the original'. We are in the process of enhancing the database to allow for the inclusion of these images and the work will be completed by the middle of 2002. In the meantime, if you would like us to email a missing image to you, you can request it from the form on this page.

4. SEARCH EXAMPLES

4.1 STANDARD SEARCH

Q1 – Can a confidentiality clause be inserted into a contract of employment to prevent public interest disclosure?

Go to **Search**

Type – confidentiality AND contract AND disclosure

- Search where – Current database (Legislation Direct)
- Search how – Words in any order in the same provision
- Search through – Everything

6 hits returned, including the **Employment Rights Act 1996 (c 18), s 43J** which was inserted by s 1 of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 and provides that any provision in any agreement purporting to preclude an employee from making public interest disclosure is void. A search using the wildcard eg: 'confidential* AND contract* AND disclosure' would return 29 hits including s 43J.

Q 2 – How long do relatives have to object to the application for registration of an enduring power of attorney?

Go to **Search**

Type – object* AND registration AND enduring power of attorney

(Note: using wildcard will pick up objection, objections and object)

- Search where – Current database (Legislation Direct)
- Search how – Words in any order in the same provision
- Search through – Everything

8 hits returned, including the **Enduring Powers of Attorney Act 1985 (c 29), s 6** which provides that in the case of an application for registration a notice of objection to the registration is valid if received by the court before the expiry of the period of five weeks beginning with the date or the latest date on which the attorney gave notice to the relative.

4.2 AUTHORITY SEARCH

Q1 – What Statutory Instruments have been made under the power of ss 245 and 246 of the Education Act 1996?

Go to **Search**

Type – Education Act 1996 AND (245 OR 246)

- Search where – Current database (Legislation Direct)
- Search how – Words appearing next to each other in order
- Search through – Authority

2 hits returned, SI's 1999/698 and 1999/440 made under ss 245 and 246.

4.3 NOTES SEARCH

Q1 – The Employment Rights (Dispute Resolution) Act 1998 (c 8), s 1(1), provides that industrial tribunals are renamed as employment tribunals and s 1(2) provides for the substitution of those words wherever they occur in any enactment. How can I find all instances of these?

Go to **Search**

Type – employment rights dispute resolution AND s 1

- Search where – Current database (Legislation Direct)
- Search how – Words in any order in the same paragraph
- Search through – Notes

734 hits returned, including the **British Telecommunications Act 1981 (c 38), s 76** which contains an amendment of text made by virtue of the Employment Rights (Dispute Resolution) Act 98, s 1(2)(a), and the **Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c 50), s 8** which contains an amendment in sub-s (7) made by the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996, s 43, Sch 1, para 12(1), (2) which has itself been renamed in the note to read Employment Tribunals Act 1996 (by virtue of the Employment Rights (Dispute Resolution) Act 98, s 1(2)(c)).

5. OTHER INFORMATION

5.1 EDITORIAL QUERIES

If you have a query about the content of Legislation Direct you can contact us by telephone or e-mail. Simply call the Butterworths Direct Help Line on 0845 608 1188 and they will connect you to the appropriate person to deal with your query. Alternatively, you can e-mail us with any editorial queries or comments by using the '[contact us](#)' links that appear on the home page and on the full text toolbar. We welcome feedback from our customers about Legislation Direct so please feel free to contact us.

5.2 TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Technical support is available by telephone or via e-mail during the following hours:

09.00 – 17.00 Monday to Friday

08.00 – Midnight Saturday and Sunday

Tel: (44) 0845 305 0500 Fax: (44) 01483 257917

E-mail: online.support@butterworths.com

<http://www.butterworths.co.uk/content/support/techsupport.htm>

To assist the helpline in resolving your problems as quickly as possible please have the following information to hand

- What internet browser are you using?
- What product do you subscribe to?
- Do you have a network or a standalone PC?
- If you are on a network what type is it? (ie. Novell NT etc)
- Which version of Dos are you using
- Which version of Windows are you using?
- What was the sequence of events leading up to your problem?

5.3 CUSTOMER SUPPORT

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5.4 TRAINING

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