STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1972

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015

Made - - - -	*2nd December 2015*
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The Secretary of State, as a Minister designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**1**) in relation to matters relating to consumer protection(**2**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of that Act.

PART 1

General

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 9th January 2016.

PART 2

Amendments to Primary Legislation

Amendment to the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973

2.—(1) The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973(**3**) is amended as follows.

(**1**) 1972 c.68; section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) and by section 3(3) and Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7).
(**2**) Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, the European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/2661).
(**3**) 1973 c.52.

(2) In subsection (2) of section 14 (computation of prescriptive periods)(**4**) omit the definition of "ADR official".

Amendment to the Limitation Act 1980

3.—(1) The Limitation Act 1980(**5**) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 33B (extension of time limits because of alternative dispute resolution in certain cross-border or domestic contractual disputes)(**6**) omit subsection (1)(c).

Amendment to the Foreign Limitation Periods Act 1984

4.—(1) The Foreign Limitation Periods Act 1984(**7**) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 1B (extension of limitation periods because of alternative dispute resolution in certain cross-border or domestic contractual disputes)(**8**) omit subsection 1(c).

Amendment to the Equality Act 2010

5.—(1) The Equality Act 2010(**9**) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 140AA(extension of time limits because of alternative dispute resolution in certain cross-border or domestic contractual disputes)(**10**) omit subsection 1(c).

PART 3

Amendments to Secondary Legislation

Amendment to the Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

6.—(1) The Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**11**) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 5 of Article 51B (extension of time limits: non-binding ADR procedure)(**12**) omit the definition of "ADR official".

Amendments to the Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Competent Authorities and Information) Regulations 2015

7.—(1) The Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Competent Authorities and Information) Regulations 2015(**13**) are amended as follows.

(2) After regulation 8 insert—

"**Consumer information regarding the ODR platform**

8A. A competent authority must provide a link to the ODR platform on its website."

(**4**) Section 14 was amended by section 6(1) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Prescription and Limitation Act 1984 (c.45), regulation 5(2), (3)(a), and (b) of S.I. 2011/234, and regulation 3(2) of S.I. 2015/1392.
(**5**) 1980 c.58.
(**6**) Section 33B was inserted by regulation 4(3) of S.I. 2015/1392.
(**7**) 1984 c16.
(**8**) Section 1B was inserted by regulation 5(3) of S.I. 2015/1392.
(**9**) 2010 c.15.
(**10**) Section 140AA was inserted by regulation 7(3) of S.I. 2015/1392.
(**11**) S.I. 1989/1339(N.I. 11), amended by S.R. (N.I.) 2011 No 157 and S.I. 2015/1392; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(**12**) Article 51B was inserted by regulation 8 of S.I. 2015/1392.
(**13**) S.I. 2015/542, amended by S.I. 2015/1392.