



Online Safety Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 50

PART 11

SUPPLEMENTARY AND GENERAL

Regulations

224 Regulations: general

- (1) Regulations under this Act may make different provision for different purposes and may, in particular—
- (a) make different provision with regard to—
 - (i) user-to-user services,
 - (ii) search services, and
 - (iii) internet services, other than regulated user-to-user services or regulated search services, that are within section 80(2);
 - (b) make different provision with regard to user-to-user services of different kinds;
 - (c) make different provision with regard to search services of different kinds;
 - (d) make different provision with regard to different kinds of services mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii);
 - (e) make different provision with regard to different kinds of internet services within section 80(2).
- (2) A power to make regulations under this Act includes power to make supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- This subsection does not apply to regulations under section 223 (consequential provision).
- (3) Any power of the Secretary of State or OFCOM under this Act to make regulations is exercisable by statutory instrument.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Online Safety Act 2023, Section 224. (See end of Document for details)

- (4) The Statutory Instruments Act 1946 applies in relation to OFCOM's powers to make regulations under this Act as if OFCOM were a Minister of the Crown.
- (5) The Documentary Evidence Act 1868 (proof of orders and regulations etc) has effect as if—
 - (a) OFCOM were included in the first column of the Schedule to that Act;
 - (b) OFCOM and persons authorised to act on their behalf were mentioned in the second column of that Schedule.
- (6) This section does not apply to regulations under section 240 (commencement and transitional provision).

Commencement Information

II S. 224 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(z4\)](#)

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