



Broadcasting Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 55

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

General

147 General interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“the 1990 Act” means the ^{M1}Broadcasting Act 1990;

“the BBC” means the British Broadcasting Corporation.

[^{F1}“ OFCOM” means the Office of Communications;]

(2) The 1990 Act and the following provisions of this Act—

- (a) Parts I and II and Schedule 1,
- (b) Part IV,
- (c) Part V and Schedules 3 and 4, and
- (d) sections 142 to 146,

shall be construed as if those provisions were contained in that Act.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 147(1) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 411(2), [Sch. 15 para. 141](#) (with [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 11)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 147(1) extended (with modifications) (22.8.1997): to Guernsey by [S.I. 1997/1755](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#); to the Isle of Man by [S.I. 1997/1756](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#); to Jersey by [S.I. 1997/1757](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation: Broadcasting Act 1996, Cross Heading: General is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Commencement Information

II S. 147 wholly in force: S. 147(1) in force at 24.7.1996, see s. 149(1); s. 147(2)(a)(b)(d) in force at 1.10.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2120](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. 1](#); s. 147(2)(c) in force at 1.4.1997 by [S.I. 1997/1005](#), [art. 4](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1990 c. 42](#).

148 Minor and consequential amendments, repeals and revocations.

- (1) Schedule 10 (which makes minor and consequential amendments) shall have effect.
- (2) The enactments and instruments mentioned in Schedule 11 are hereby repealed or, as the case may be, revoked to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

Commencement Information

I2 [S. 148](#) wholly in force: s. 148 in force for certain purposes at 24.7.1996 see [s. 149\(1\)](#); [s. 148](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.10.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2120](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. 1](#); [s. 148](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.11.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2120](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. 2](#); [s. 148](#) wholly in force at 1.4.1997 by [S.I. 1997/1005](#), [art. 4](#)

149 Commencement and transitional provisions.

- (1) The following provisions of this Act—
 - (a) paragraphs 7 to 9 of Schedule 2 so far as relating to BBC companies (as defined by section 202(1) of the 1990 Act), and section 73 so far as relating to those paragraphs in their application to such companies,
 - (b) sections 74 to 78,
 - (c) section 80,
 - (d) section 83,
 - (e) sections 88, 90 and 92,
 - (f) Part VI (and Schedules 5 to 8),
 - (g) section 147(1),
 - (h) paragraphs 15 and 19 of Schedule 10 so far as relating to BBC companies (as defined by section 202(1) of the 1990 Act), and section 148(1) so far as relating to those paragraphs in their application to such companies,
 - (i) the entries in Schedule 11 relating to sections 32(9), 45(8) and (9) and 47(11) and (12) of the 1990 Act, and section 148(2) so far as relating to those entries, and
 - (j) this section and section 150,
 shall come into force on the passing of this Act.
- (2) The other provisions of this Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (3) The power to make an order under this section includes power to make such transitional provisions and savings as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

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Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 149(2) power partly exercised (9.8.1996): different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1996/2120](#)
- S. 149(2) power partly exercised (21.3.1997): different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1997/1005](#)
- S. 149(2) power partly exercised (28.1.1998): 29.1.1998 appointed for specified provisions for specified purposes by [S.I. 1998/188](#), [art. 3](#)

150 Short title and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Broadcasting Act 1996.
- (2) This Act, except paragraph 27 of Schedule 10, extends to Northern Ireland.
- (3) Section 204(6) of the 1990 Act (power to extend to Isle of Man and Channel Islands) applies to the provisions of this Act amending that Act.
- (4) Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that any of the other provisions of this Act shall extend to the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands with such modifications, if any, as appear to Her Majesty to be appropriate.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 150(1) extended (with modifications) (22.8.1997): to Guernsey by [S.I. 1997/1755](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#); to the Isle of Man by [S.I. 1997/1756](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#); to Jersey by [S.I. 1997/1757](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)
- C3** S. 150(4): power extended (24.5.2024) by [Media Act 2024 \(c. 15\)](#), [ss. 54\(3\)](#), [55\(1\)\(b\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/3142 art. 4 Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2004/545 art. 2](#)

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. 54(1)(i)(j) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 47\(6\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 97(1)-(2A) substituted for s. 97(1)(2) by [2003 c. 21 s. 299\(1\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 97(3)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 12\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 97(5A)(5B) inserted by [2003 c. 21 s. 299\(4\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 98(1)-(2D) substituted for s. 98(1)(2) by [2024 c. 15 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 98(7)-(9) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 20\(4\)](#)
- s. 101(1)-(1D) substituted for s. 101(1) by [2003 c. 21 s. 300\(2\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 101(5) inserted by [2003 c. 21 s. 300\(4\)](#) (Ss. 299(1)(3)(4), 300 were due to be commenced on 30.6.2004 by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 4(3), but that commencing provision was omitted (8.6.2004) by virtue of S.I. 2004/1492, art. 2)
- s. 102(A1)(B1) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 104A(2)-(11) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(3\)](#)
- s. 104A(12) s. 104A(2) renumbered as s. 104A(12) by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(2\)](#)
- s. 104A(13) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(4\)](#)
- s. 104B inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 24\(5\)](#)
- s. 104ZA(1)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 104ZA(2A)(2B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 23\(4\)](#)
- s. 105(1A)-(1D) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 19\(7\)](#)
- s. 107(1A)(1B) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 111(4A)-(4C) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 115(9)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 119(7D) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 119(11A)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(6\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 120(3A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 2\(7\)\(a\)](#)